



SHONENJUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto *volume* **2**



岸本 齊史

One day I got a phone call from a relative of mine and got seriously chewed out. Why? The reason was the art I drew of myself in volume one. My aunt saw the picture of me eating ramen, and said "Is he only eating ramen *again*?! Every time you came over to my house, you demanded instant noodles instead of the home-cooked meal I had ready

for you! You'd better be getting your vegetables!" Don't worry, auntie—I *am* eating my vegetables. (P.S. They just came out with instant noodles in "Cheese Curry Flavor." It's really tasty.)

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2000



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** ("mechanism"). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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VOL. 2

THE WORST CLIENT



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SAKURA サクラ

Naruto and Sasuke's classmate. She has a crush on Sasuke, who ignores her. In return, she picks on Naruto, who has a crush on her.

NARUTO ナルト

Shunned by the older villagers because of the fox spirit dwelling inside him, Naruto grew up to be an attention-seeking troublemaker. His goal is to become the best ninja ever, and be recognized as the next *Hokage*.

SASUKE サスケ

The top student in Naruto's class, and a member of the prestigious Uchiha clan. His goal is to get revenge against a mysterious person who wronged him in the past.





KAKASHI カカシ

An upper-level ninja assigned to train our heroes. Although he seems easy-going, he is a master of *ninjutsu*.



THE THIRD HOKAGE 三代目火影

The most respected person in the village, ever since the fourth *Hokage* died fighting the demon fox. His name means "Fire Shadow."

イルカ IRUKA

Naruto's old teacher at the Ninja Academy.

His parents were killed by the demon fox, but he doesn't blame Naruto for it.



THE STORY SO FAR...

Twelve years ago, a giant fox demon attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure, until the *Hokage*, the village champion, managed to defeat it by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. Now that boy, Uzumaki Naruto, has grown up and become a ninja-in-training, like his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. Forced to work as a team, the three ninjas received a strange assignment: steal a bell from the belt of their teacher Kakashi. But they failed...and now Kakashi has told them *to give up their hopes of ever being ninja!*



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...WILL
EVER
BE A
NINJA!



GIVE IT
UP.
NOT ONE
OF THE
THREE
OF
YOU...

Number 8: You Failed!



IT'S A ROSTER
OF ALL OF
KAKASHI'S
PREVIOUS
STUDENTS
AMONG THE
JUNIOR-LEVEL
SHINOBI—
WHO PASSED
AND WHO
FAILED.

DOES
IT
WORRY
YOU?
HERE!!

GROUP SEVEN—
NARUTO AND THE
OTHERS...
WHAT KIND OF
TEACHER DID YOU
ASSIGN THEM, LORD
HOKAGE?
IS HE VERY STRICT?

YOU INVITED
ME TO LUNCH
BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
TO LEARN
SOMETHING,
RIGHT, IRUKA?
WHAT IS IT?



IT
..... IT
SAYS...!



.....WHO
...KAKASHI?



-GIVE
UP?!

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN-

SQUIRM



... BUT
WHY
THE
HELL
SHOULD
WE
QUIT
OVER
THAT?

OKAY,
SO MAYBE
NONE OF US GOT
OUR HANDS
ON ONE OF
YOUR STUPID
BELLS...

GIVE
ME A
BREAK!



TAK!



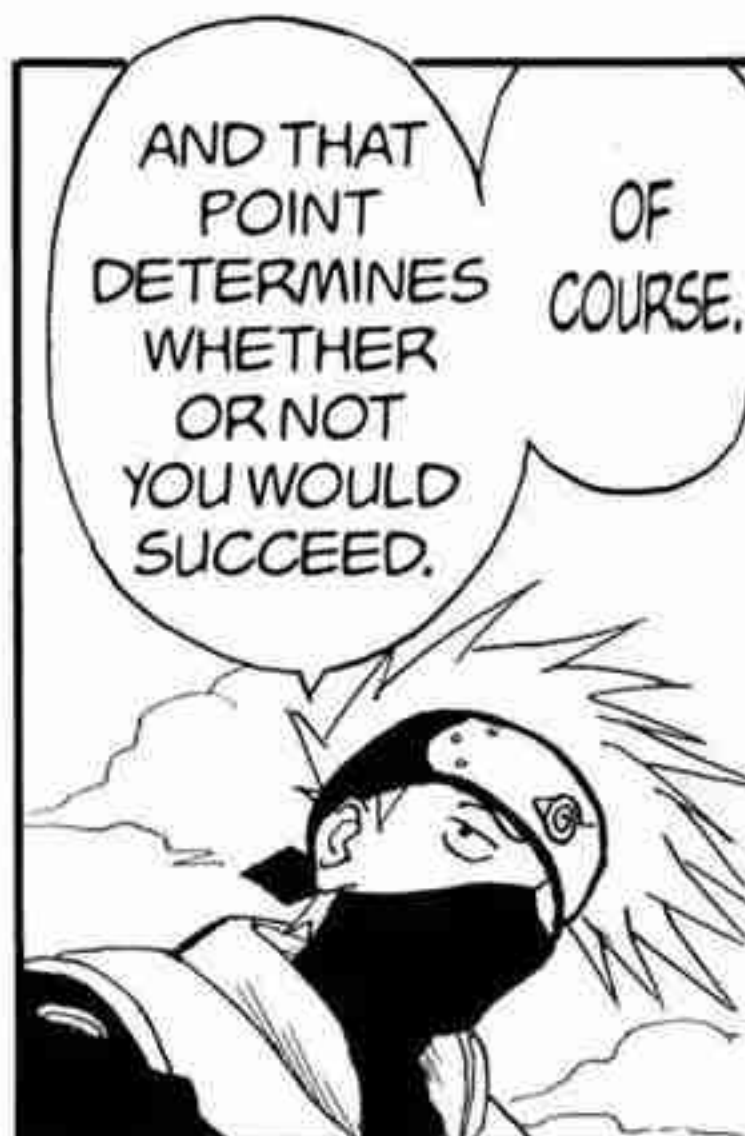
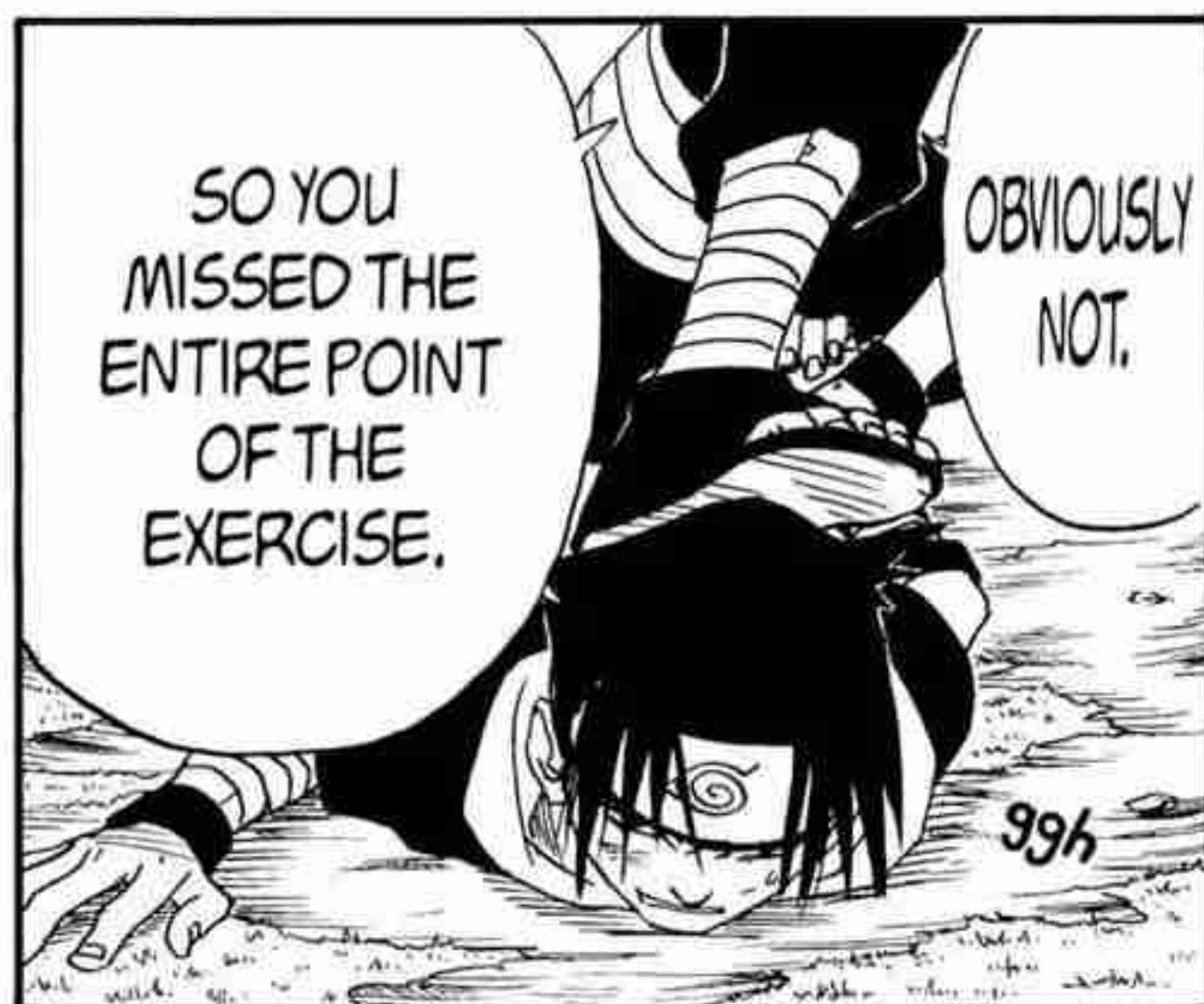
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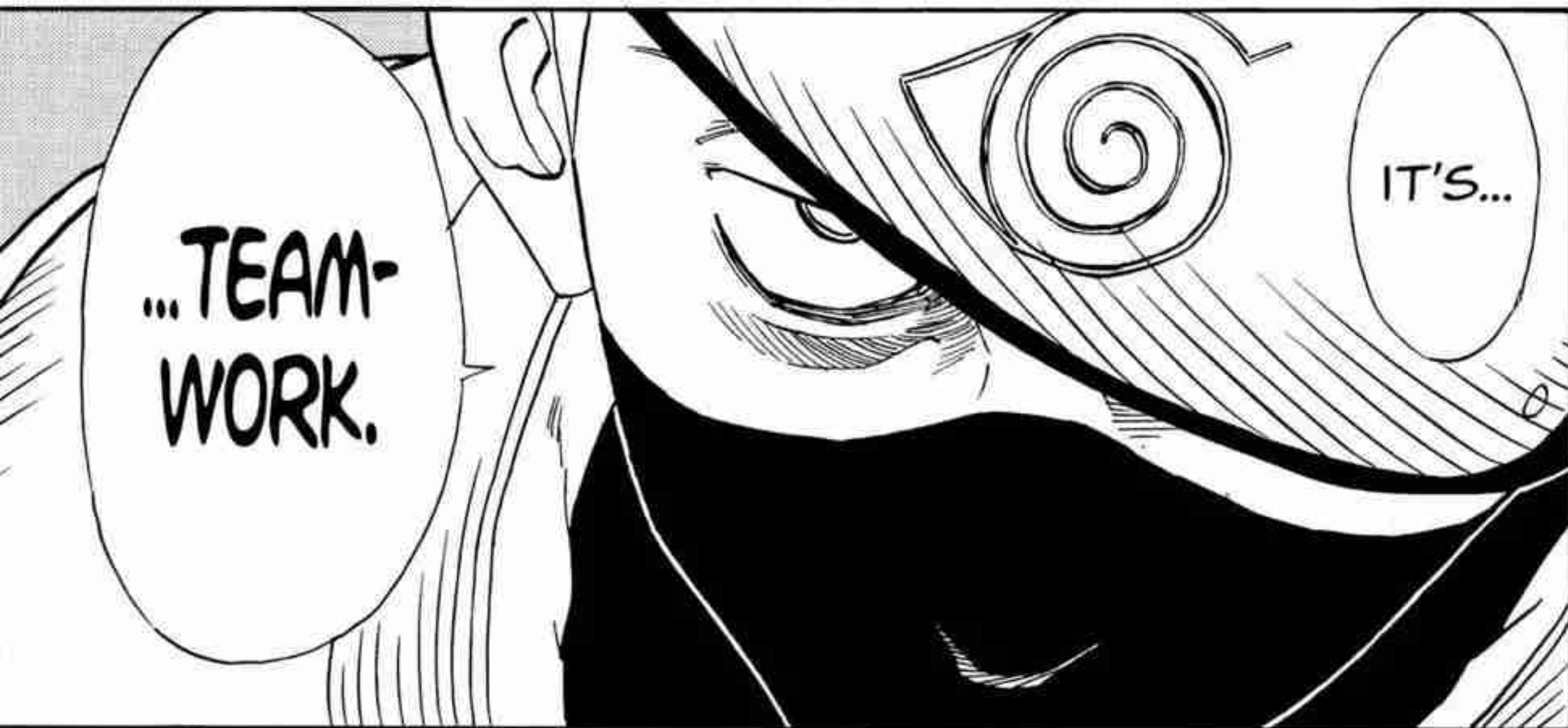


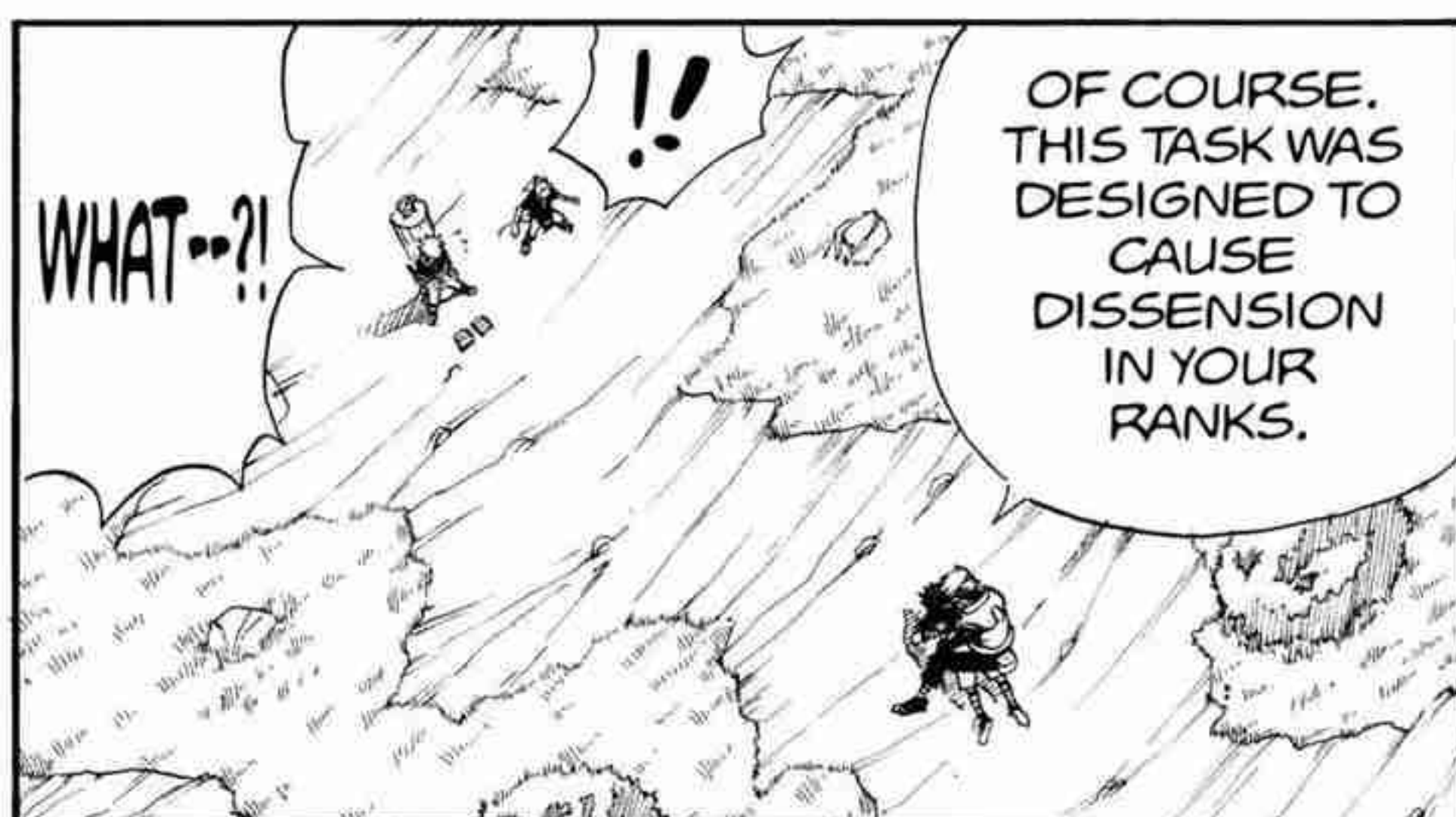
BECAUSE
NOT
ONE OF
YOU...

...HAS
WHAT IT
TAKES!











...WHILE YOU
FOCUSED
YOUR ATTENTION
ON SASUKE,
THOUGH
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW WHERE
HE WAS.

...YOU,
SAKURA,
IGNORED
NARUTO,
WHO WAS
RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF YOU...



INSTEAD
OF
WHICH...



...AND
HE WAS
BETTER
OFF
PLAYING
SOLO.

AND
SASUKE HAD
ALREADY
DECIDED
THAT THE
OTHER
TWO JUST
GOT IN
HIS WAY...



NARUTO
TRIED
TO DO
SINGLE-
HANDEDLY
WHAT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE WORK
OF ALL
THREE!



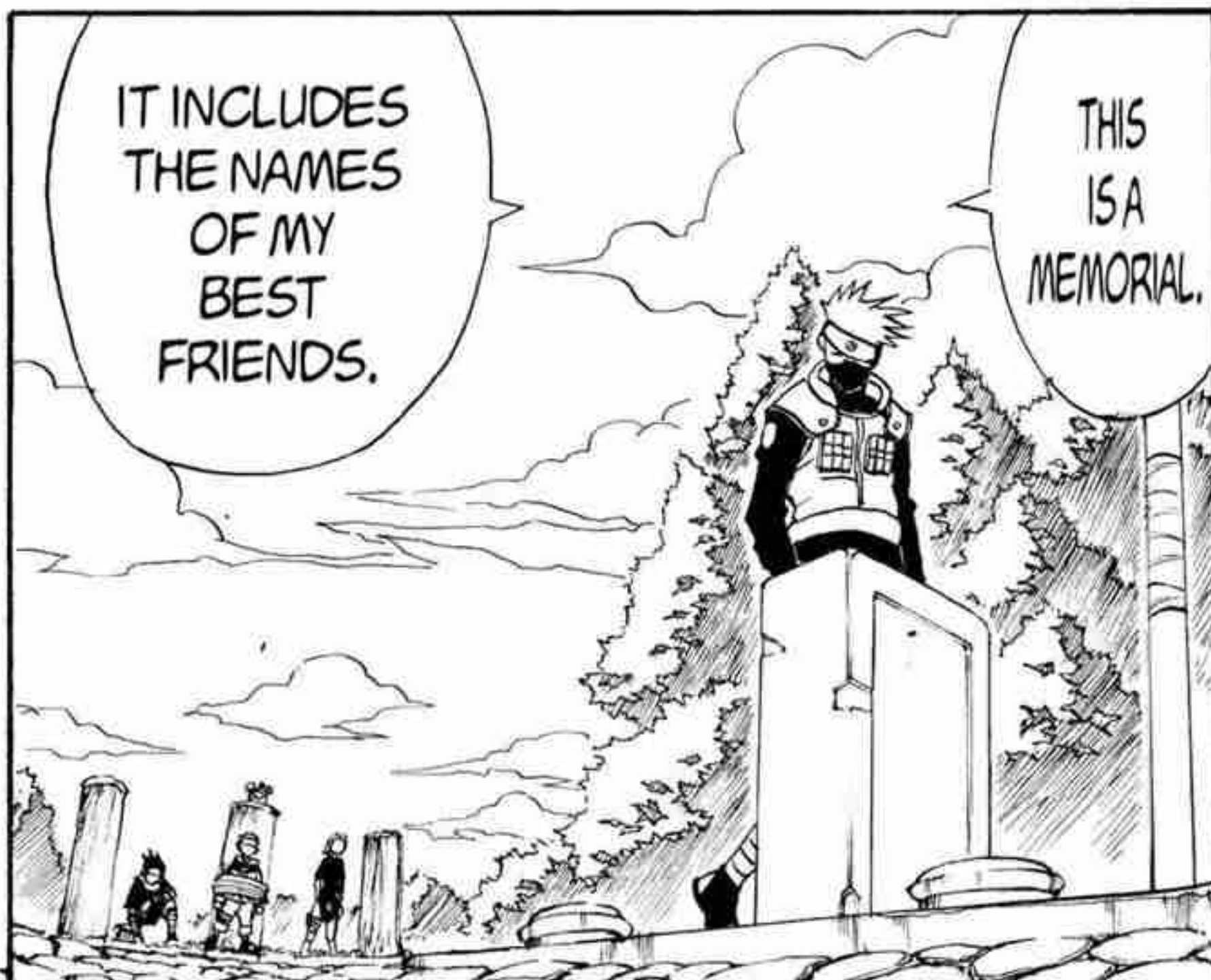
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EVEN
MORE
IMPORTANT
NOW IS
TEAMWORK!

YOU
ARE A
TEAM!
LEARN
TO ACT
AS ONE!

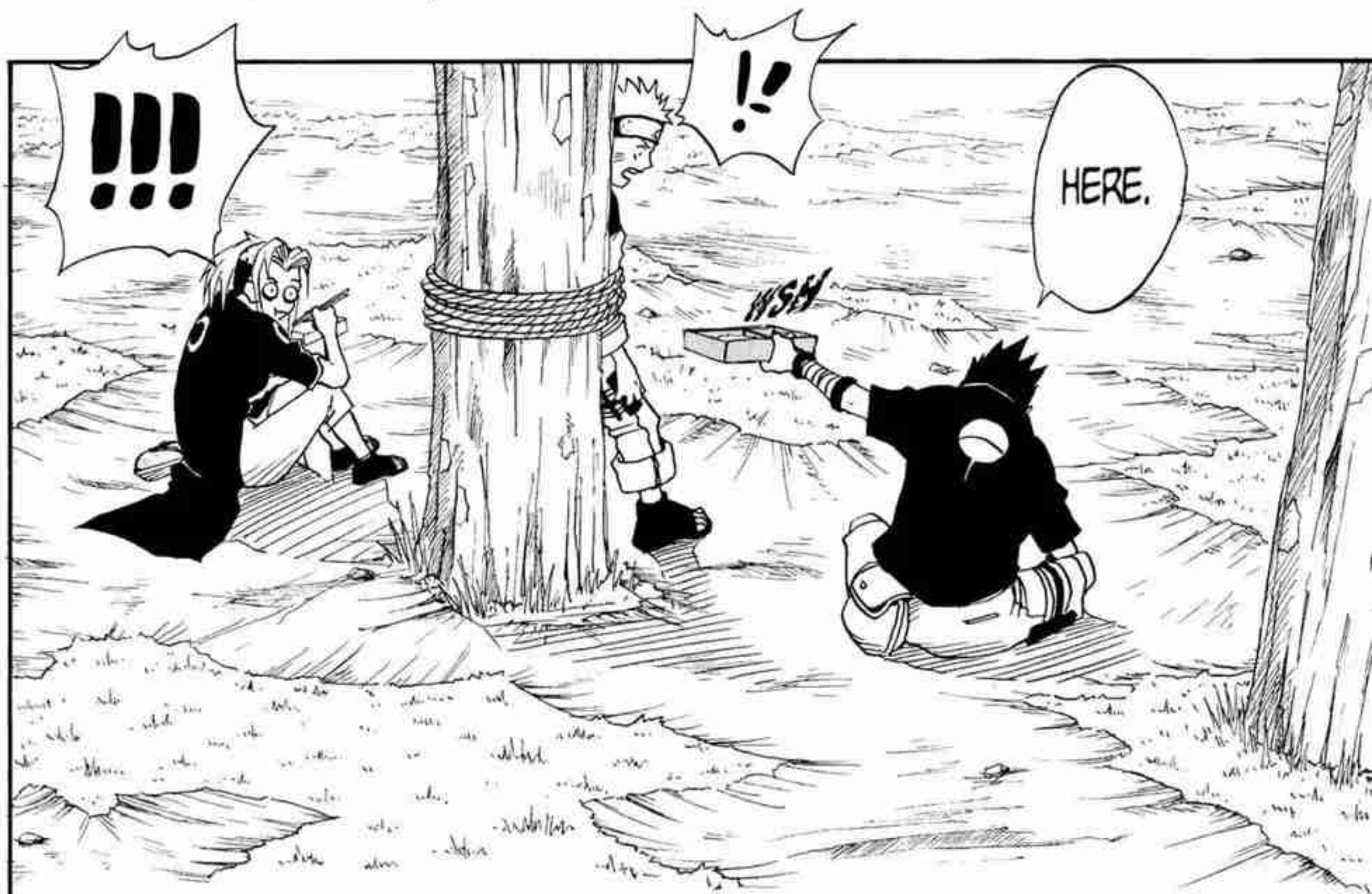
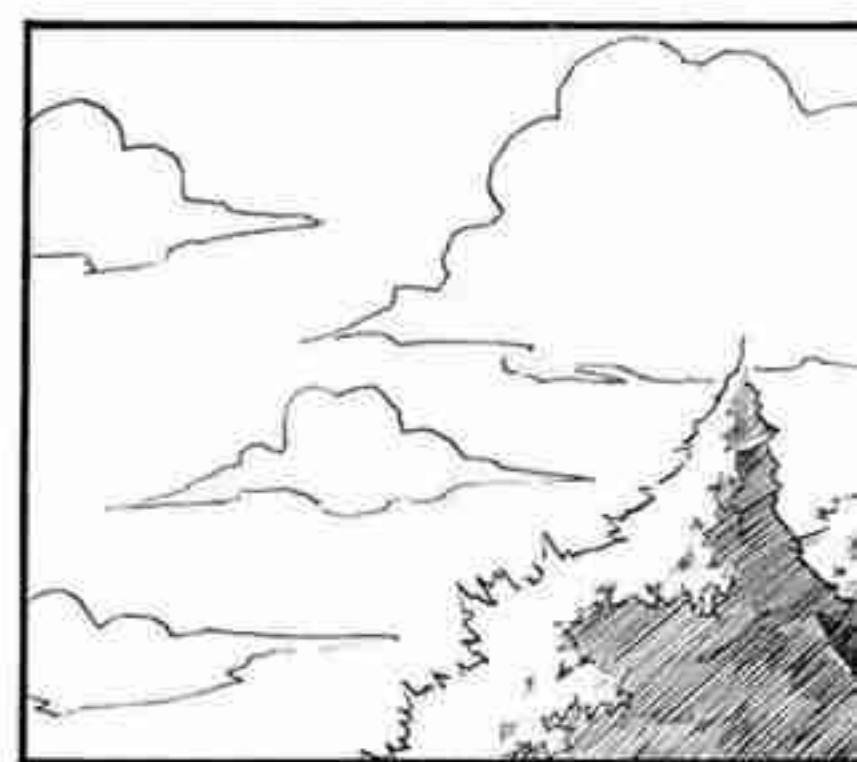
YES,
IT'S
NECESSARY
FOR NINJA
TO HAVE
INDIVIDUAL
SKILLS,
BUT...

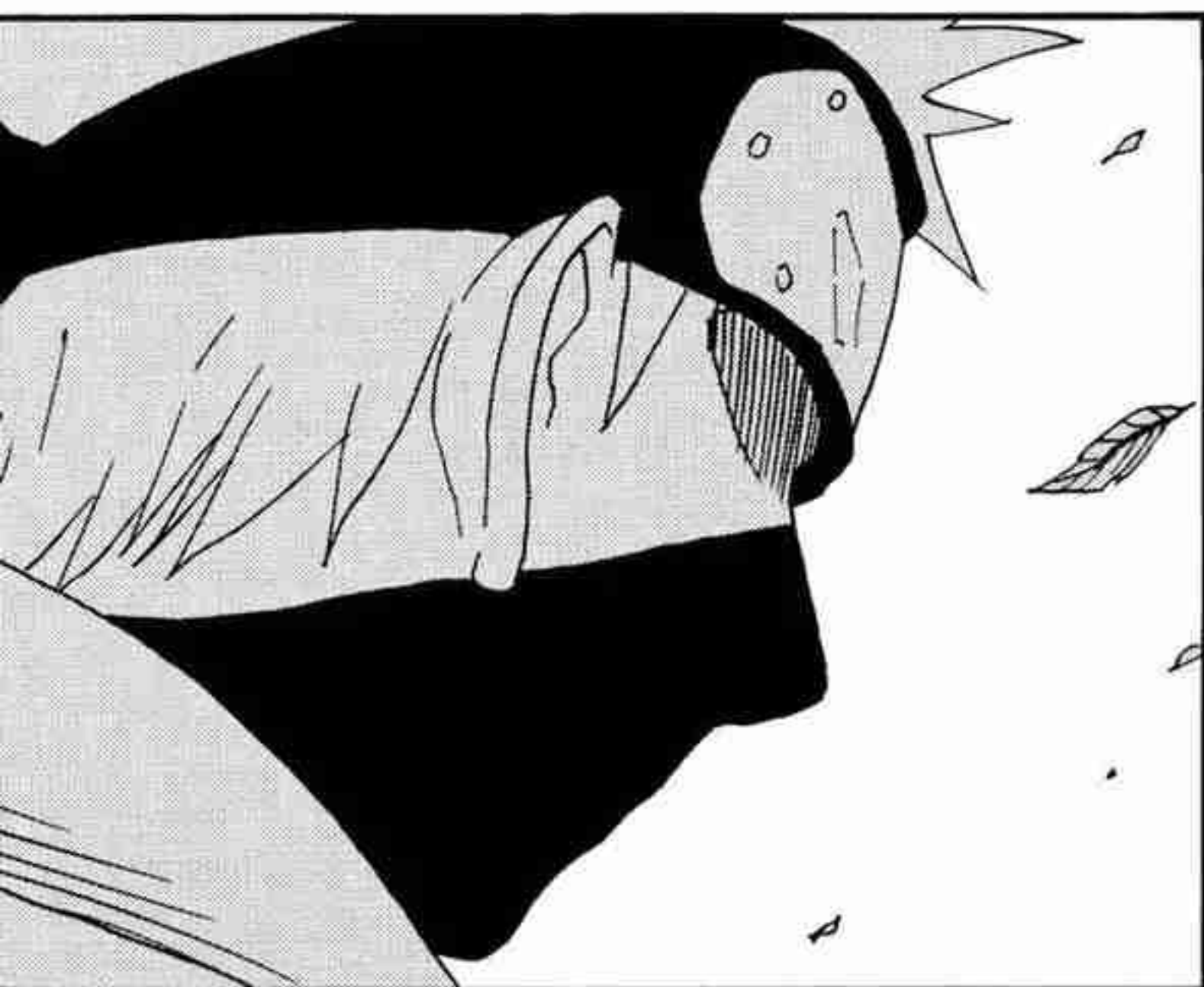










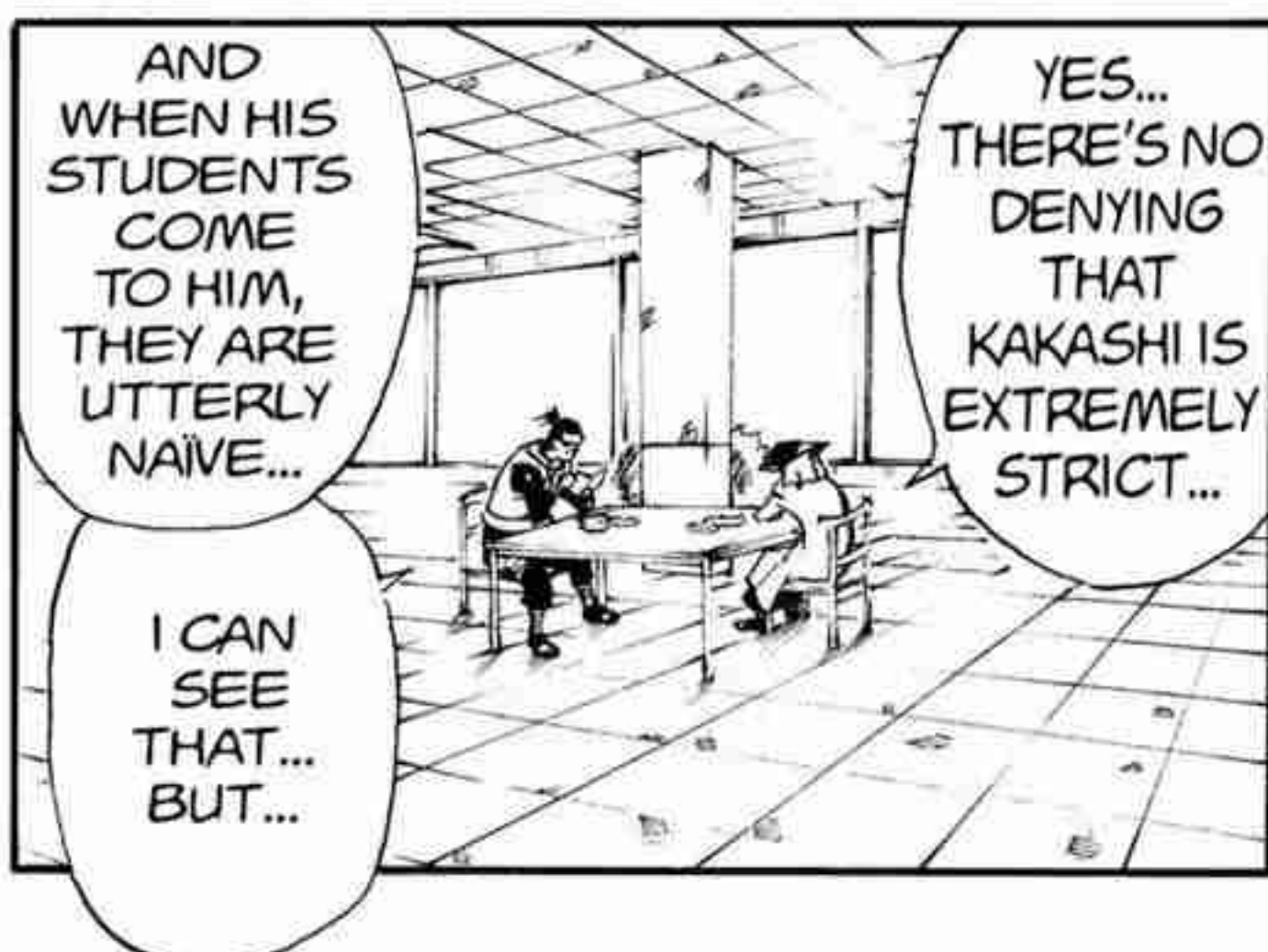




THANKS...

HEH-
HEH...
UHH...

THIS...
THIS
IS...



AND
WHEN HIS
STUDENTS
COME
TO HIM,
THEY ARE
UTTERLY
NAÏVE...

I CAN
SEE
THAT...
BUT...

YES...
THERE'S NO
DENYING
THAT
KAKASHI IS
EXTREMELY
STRICT...



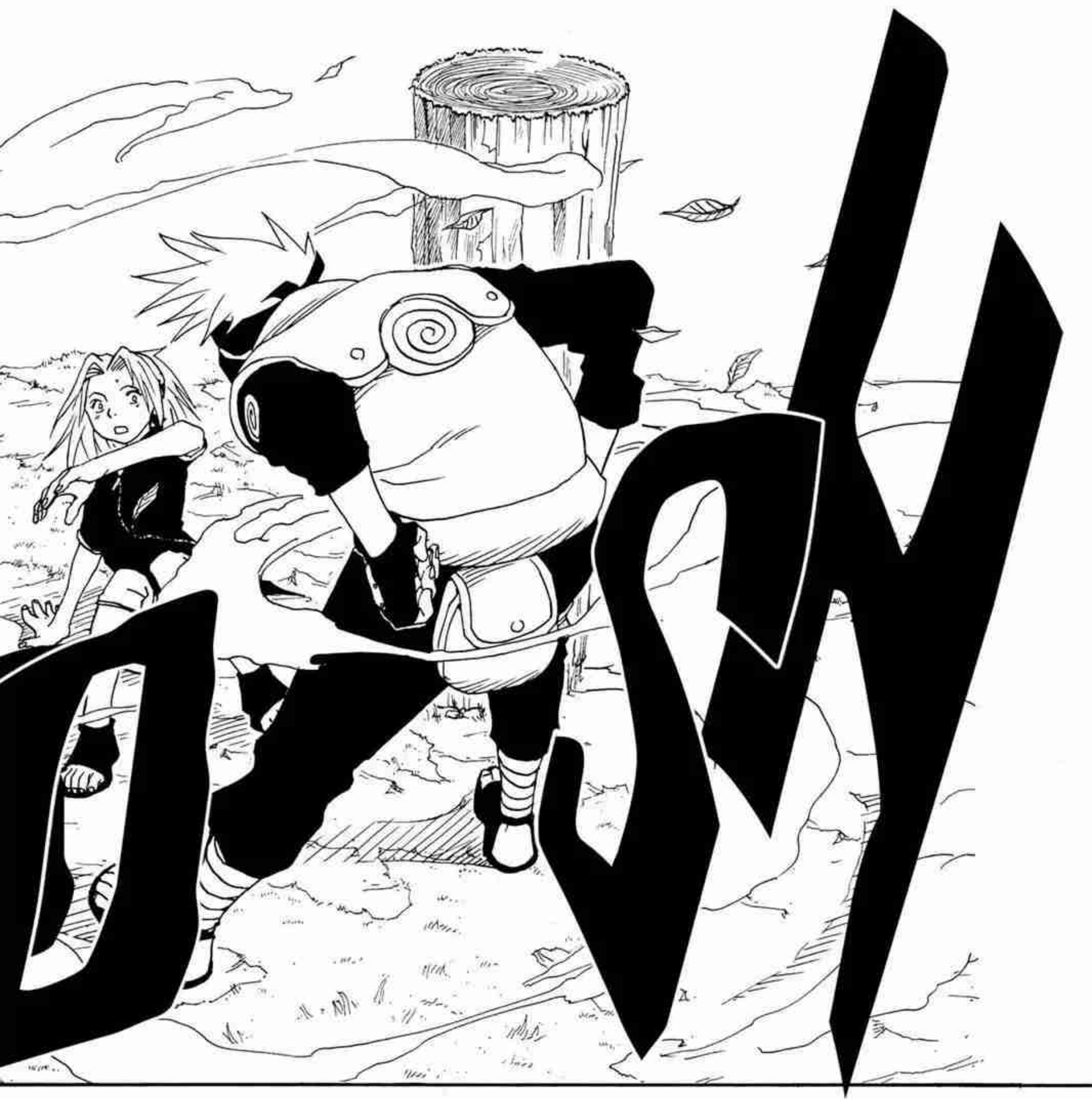
YES.
KAKASHI
NEVER
PASSES
ANYONE.
EVER...

NO
ONE
AT
ALL...?

NO
ONE?

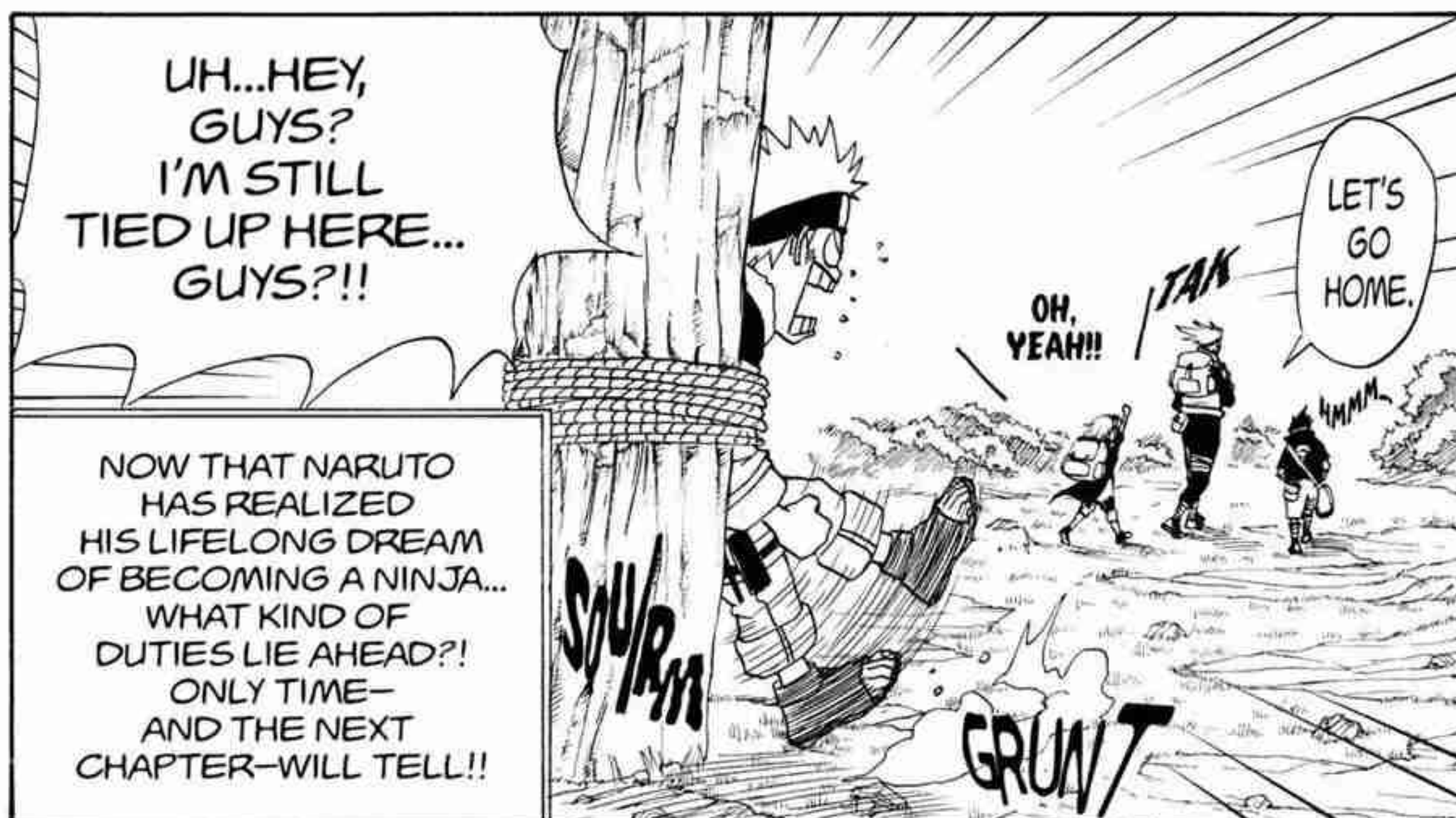
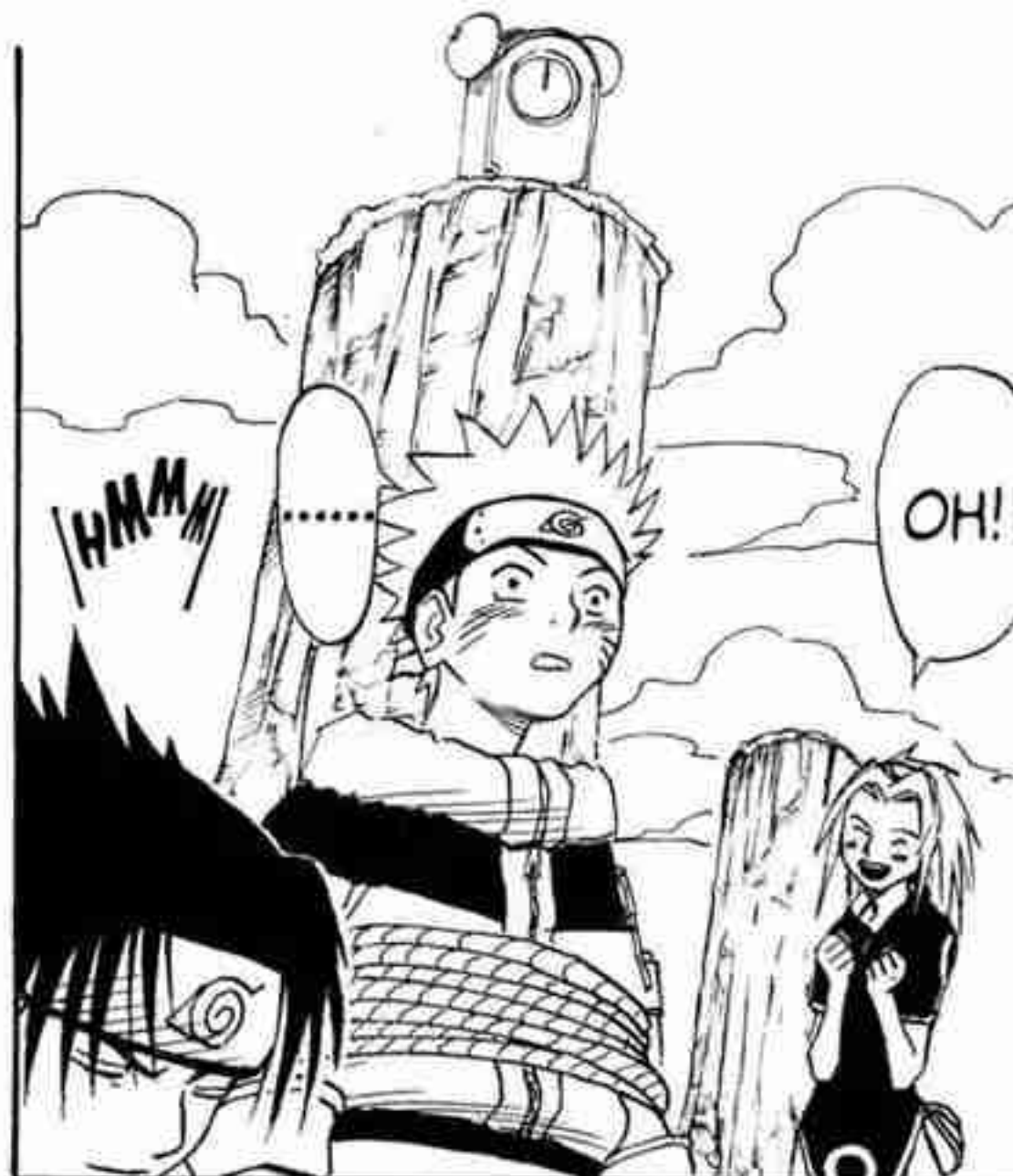


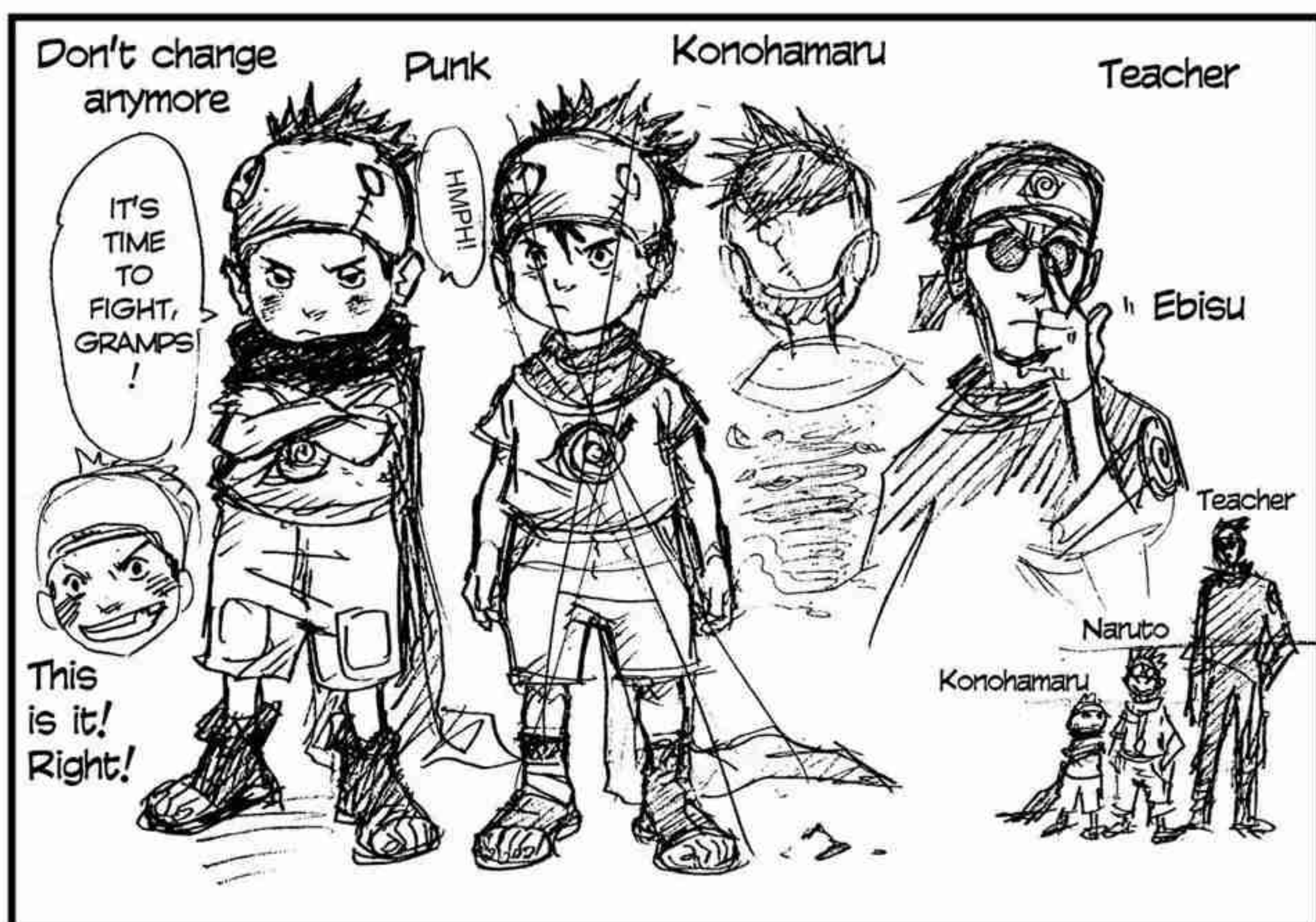












THE MAKING OF NARUTO: KONOHAMARU & EBISU

These were my first sketches of Konohamaru and his teacher, Ebisu (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). I remember really struggling with Konohamaru's design. He was supposed to be a little punk, smaller than Naruto, but he kept coming out looking like Naruto no matter what I tried. I tried drawing a big-eyed kid, but this didn't work either. It always turned out like a face I'd seen somewhere before. Eventually, I drew an angry-looking face with small eyes, and somehow I knew I'd found it!

At that point I decided that Ebisu would look like the sketch above. I like Ebisu's design because he's like me, somehow...

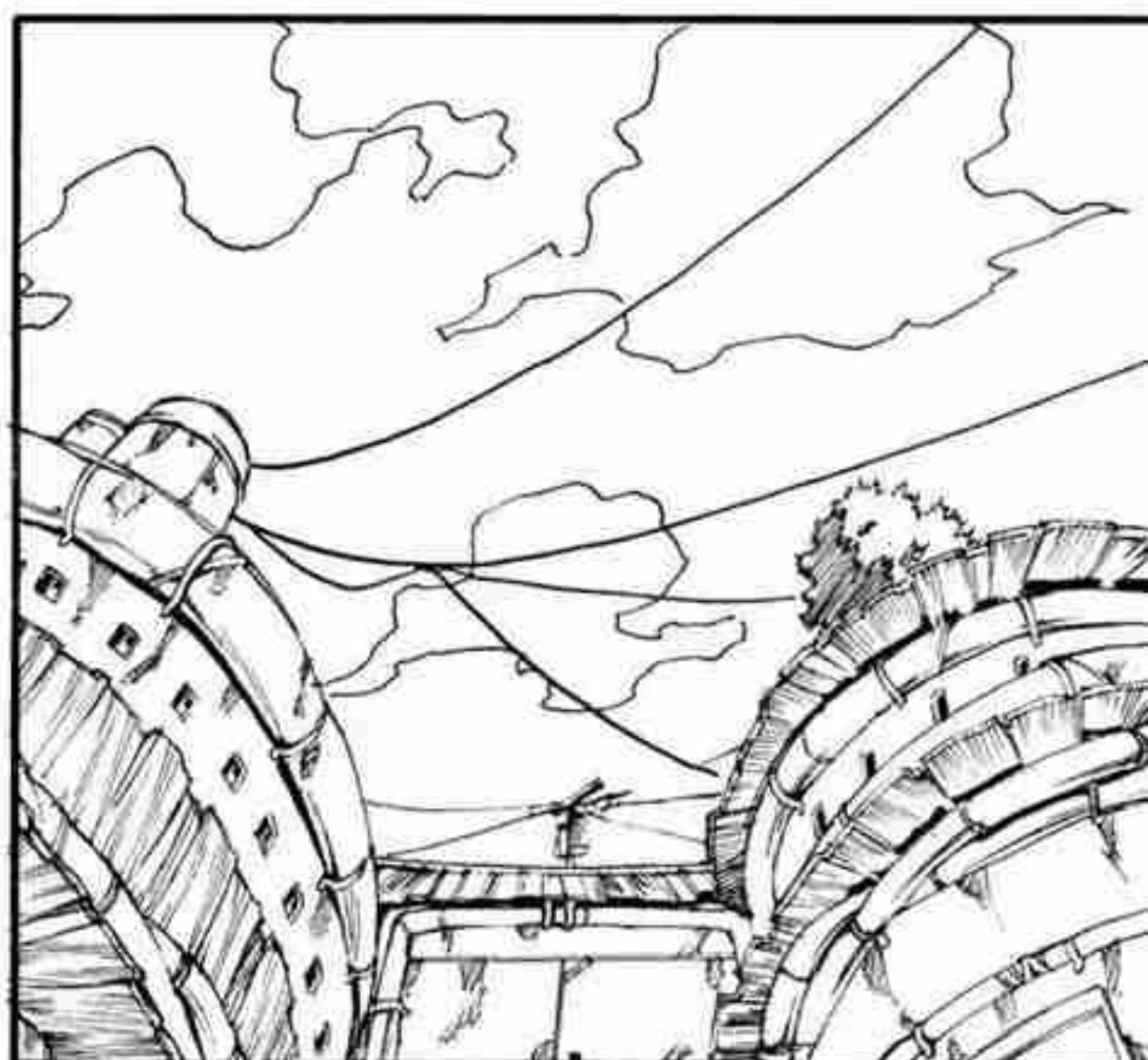
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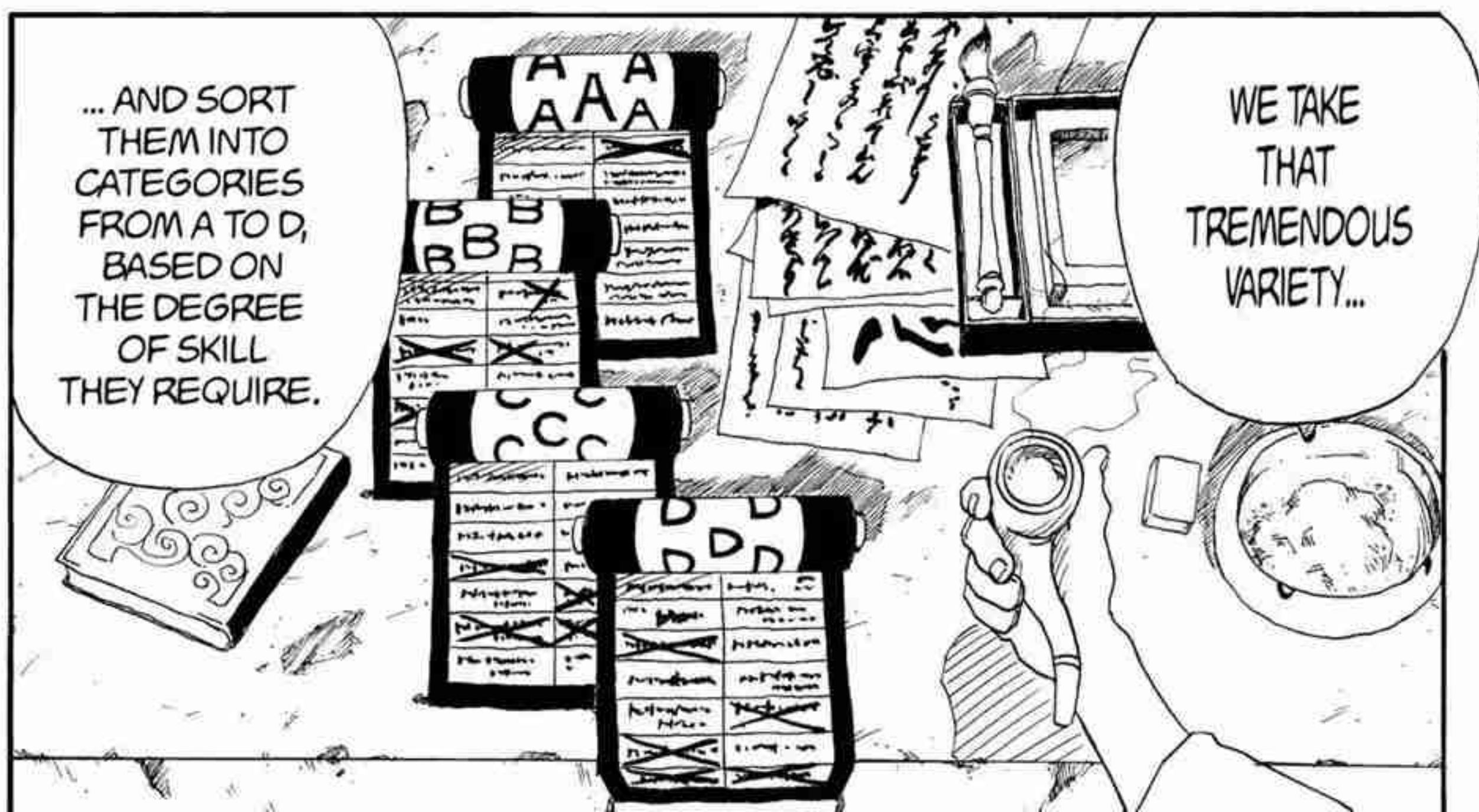


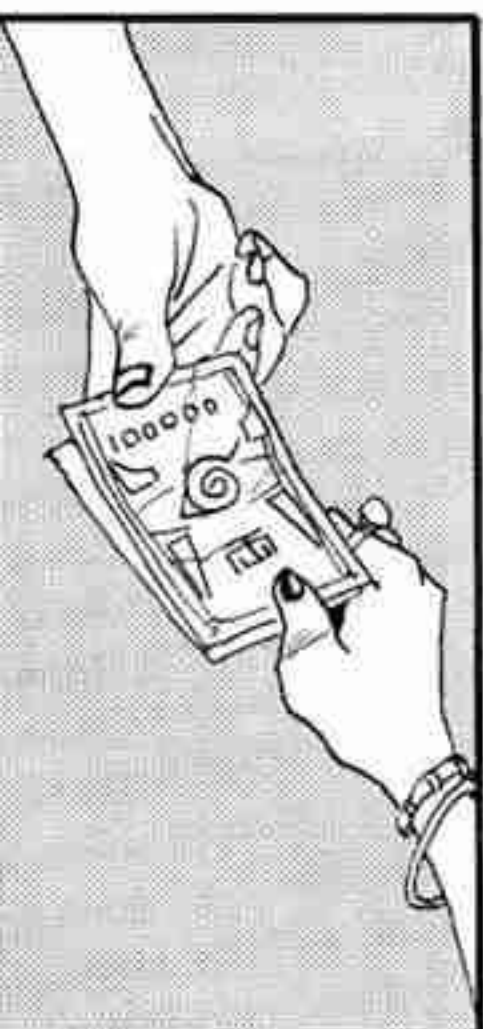
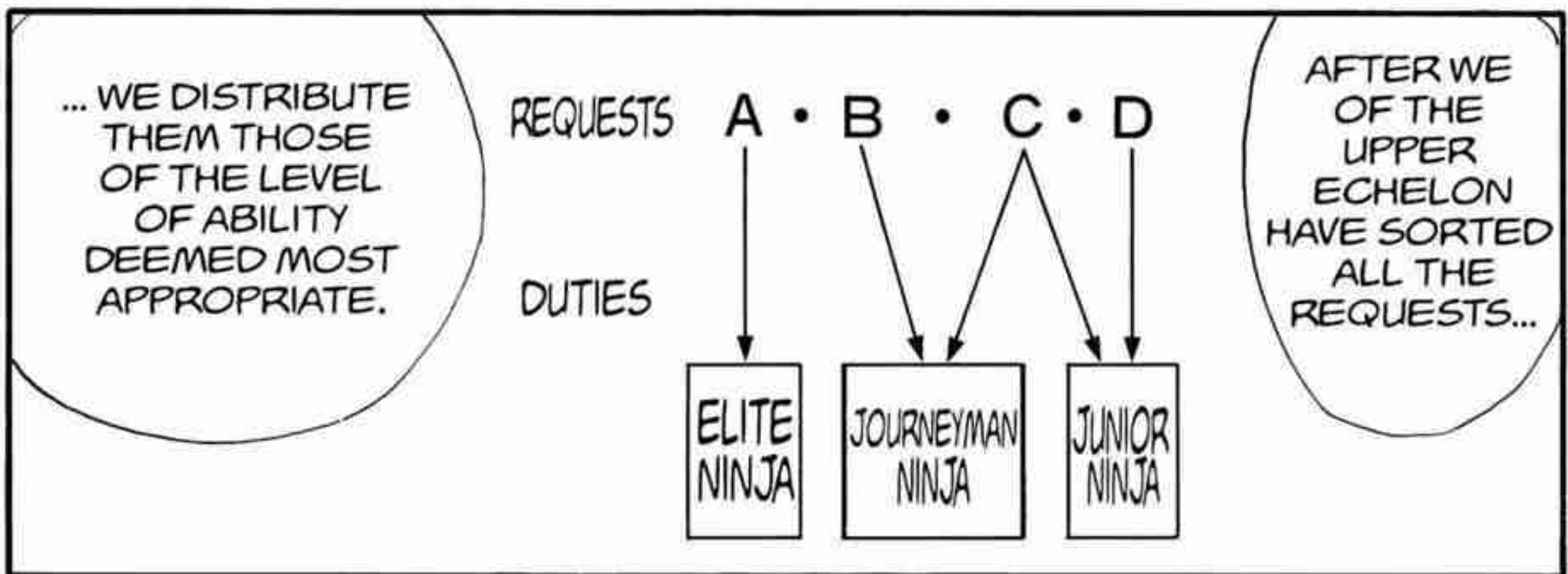
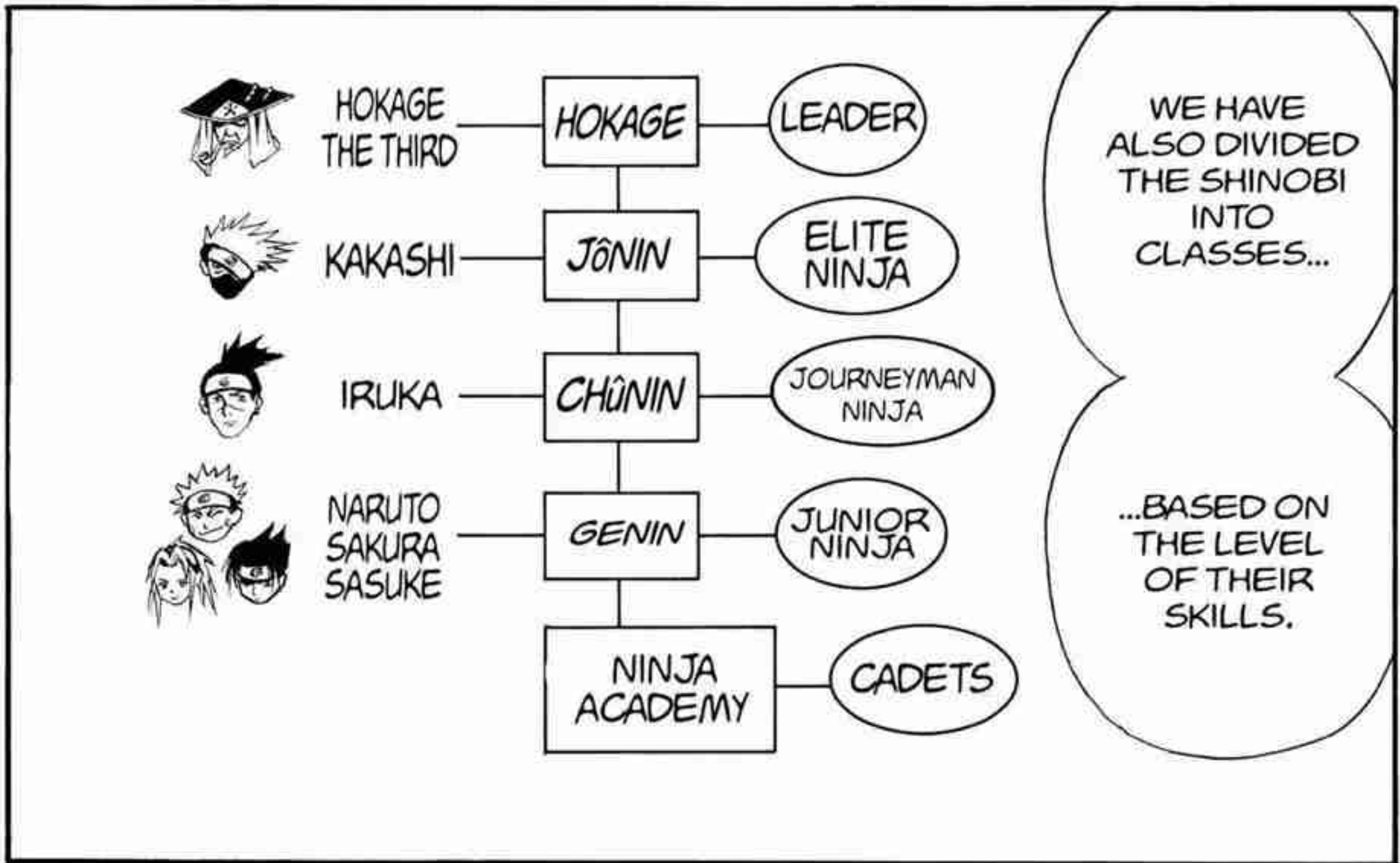
READ
THIS
WAY



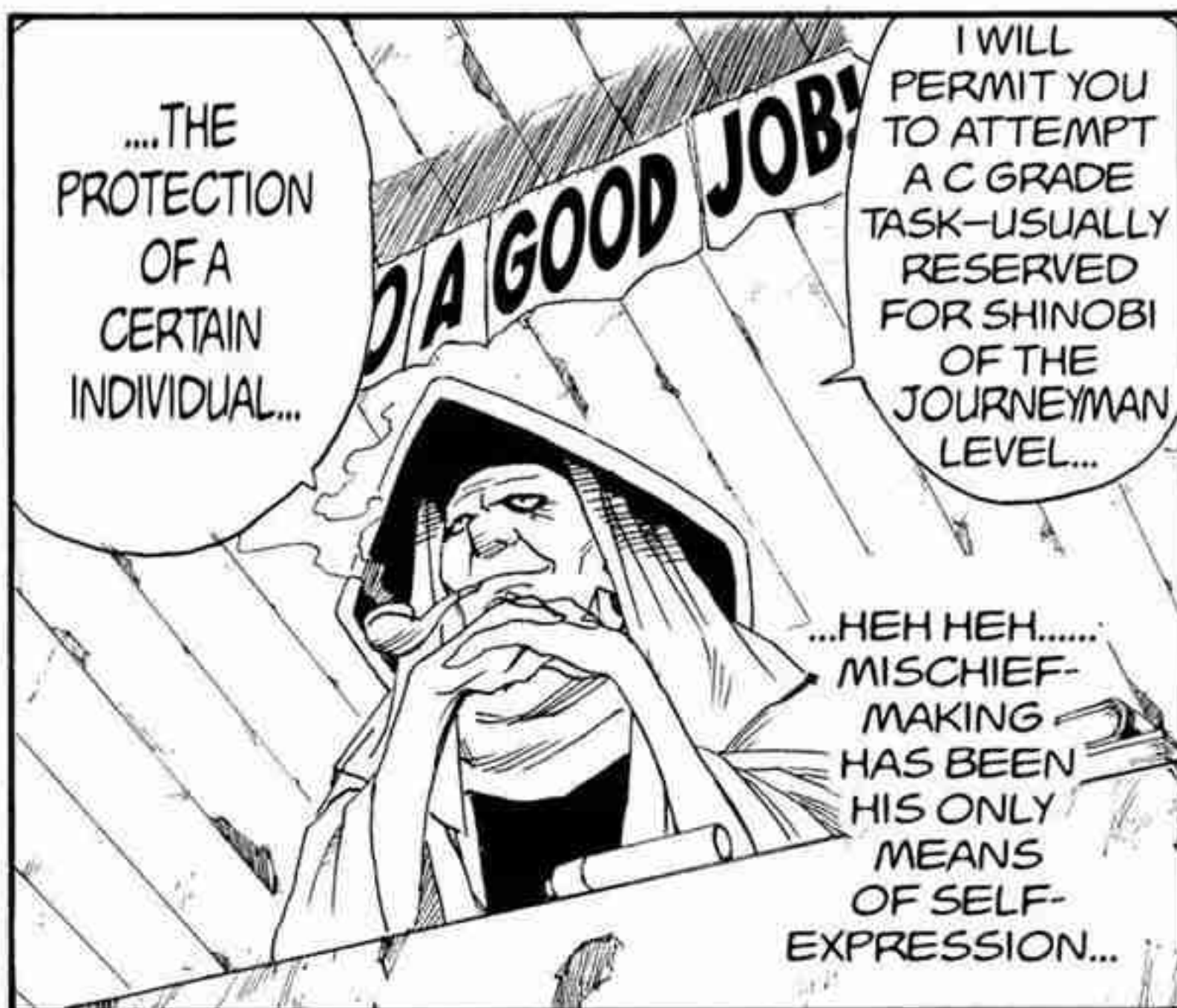




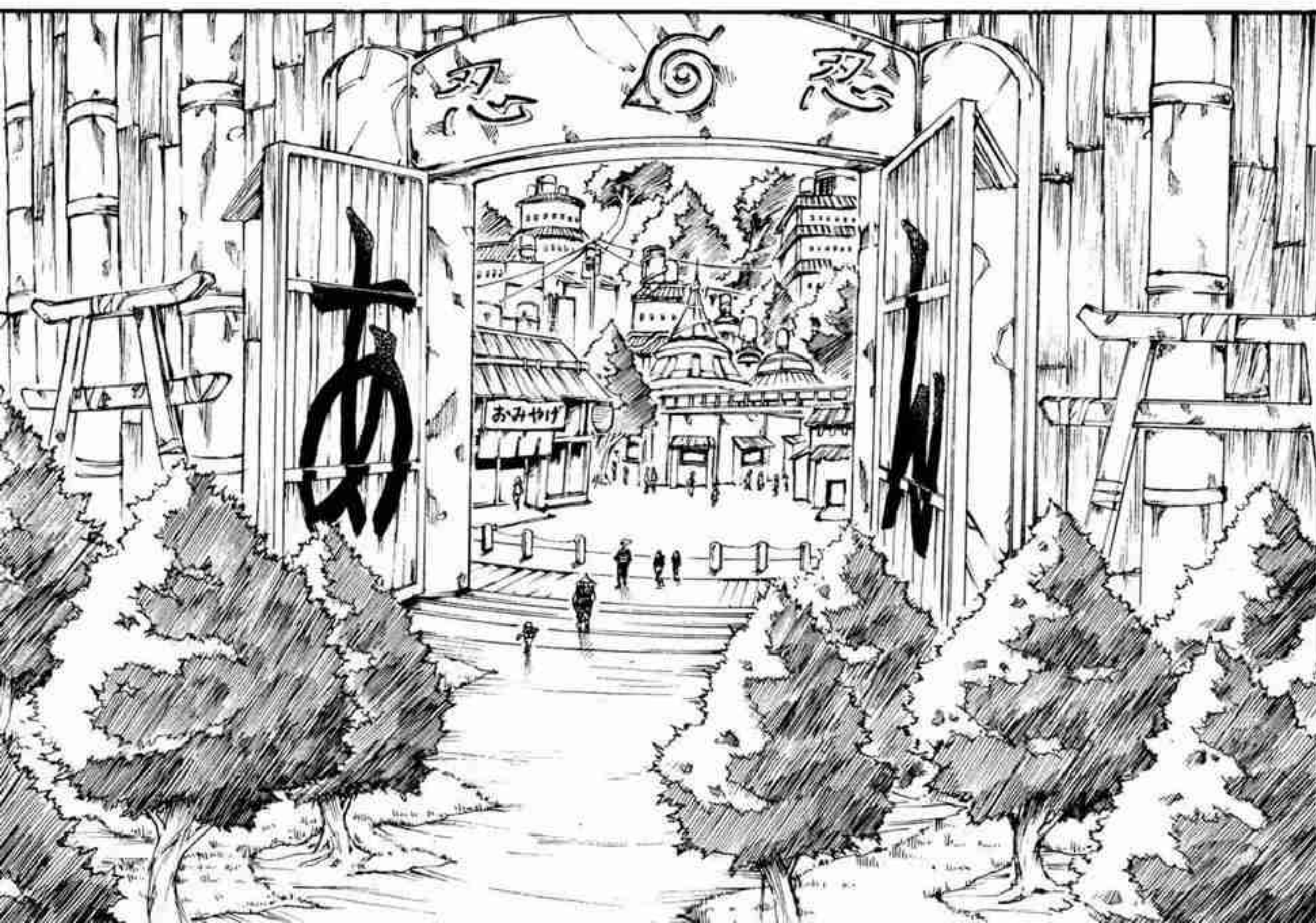
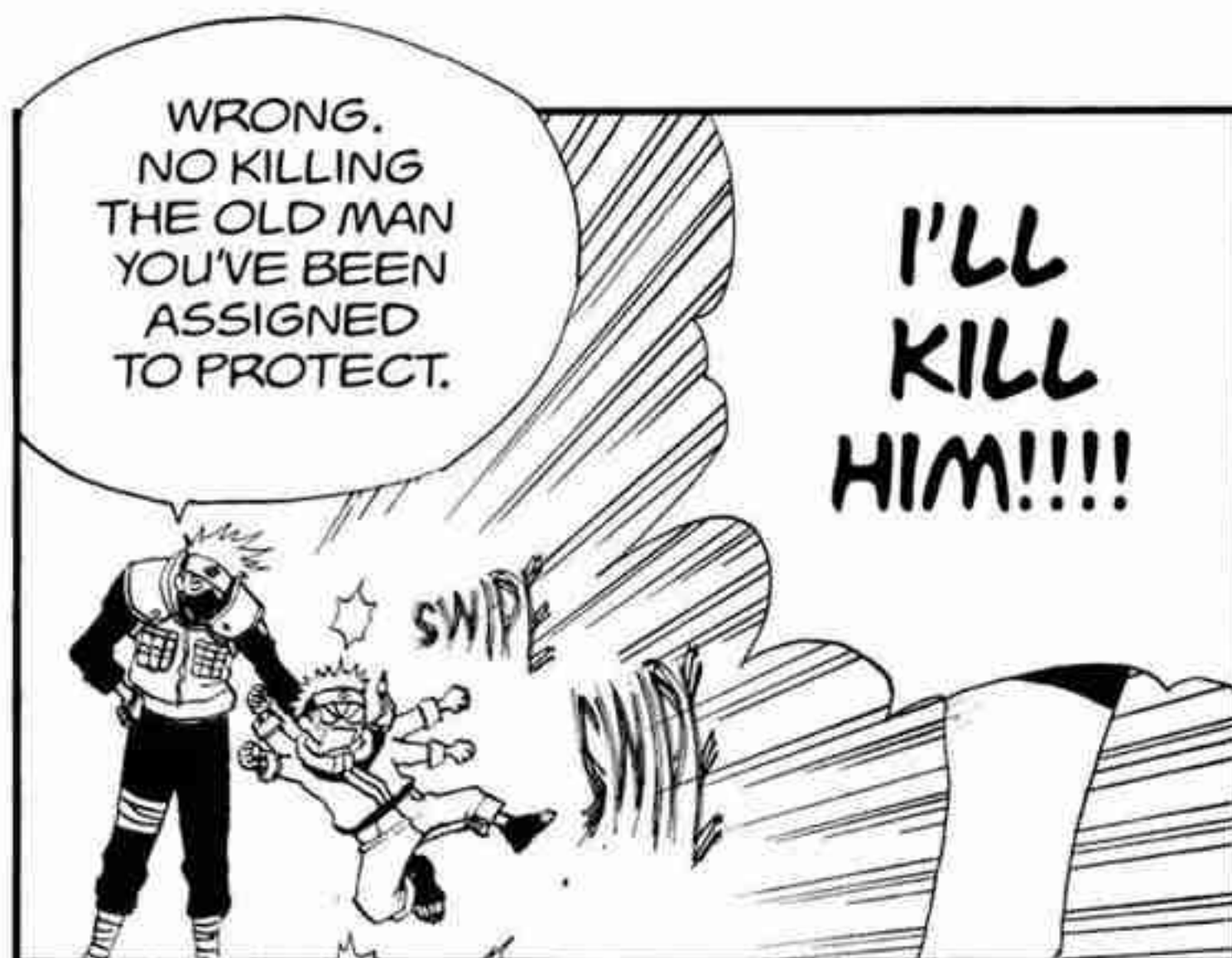














WHAT
ARE
YOU
BABBLING
ABOUT?

ALL
RIGHT!
ROAD
TRIP!!



THERE'S
NO CALL
FOR
CONCERN.
I'M AN
ELITE NINJA,
AND I'LL BE
ALONG,
TOO...

SIGH

AM I
REALLY
EXPECTED
TO PLACE
MY LIFE IN
THE HANDS
OF THIS
FOOL?



STRUT
STRUT

THIS'LL BE THE
FIRST TIME IN
MY LIFE I'VE
EVER BEEN
OUTSIDE OF
THE VILLAGE!

WAVE
WAVE



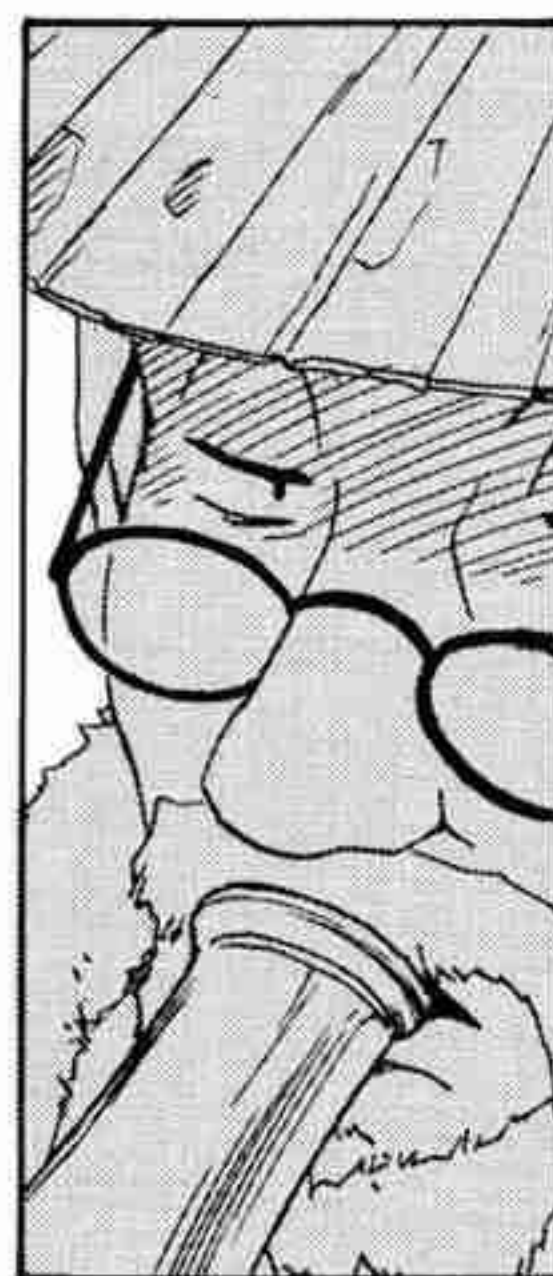
ESPECIALLY
NOT A
REALLY
GOOD
ONE,
LIKE ME!

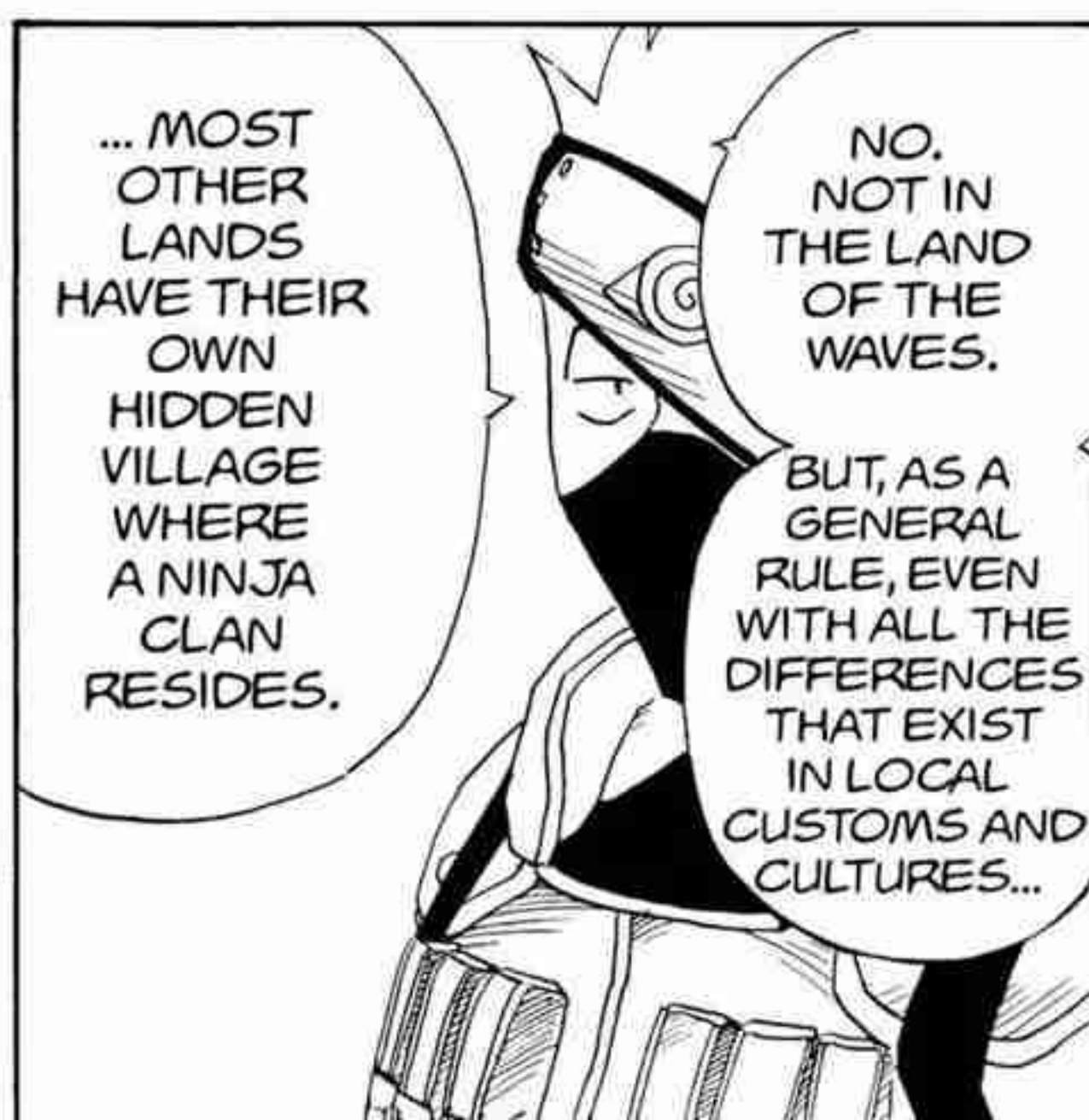
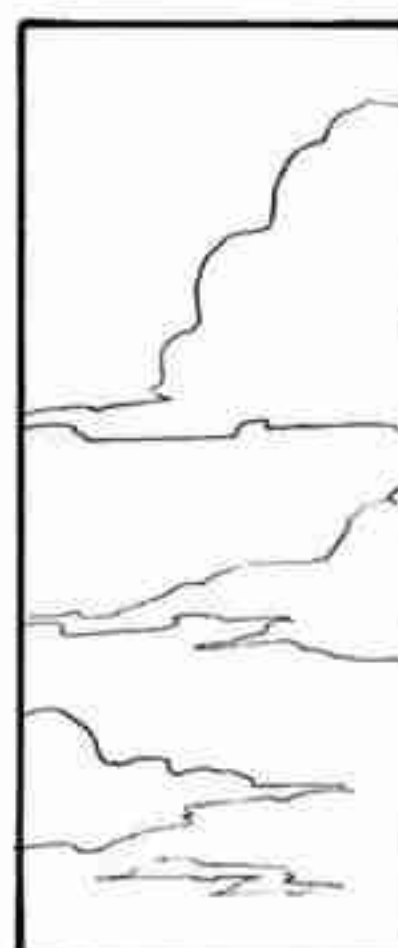
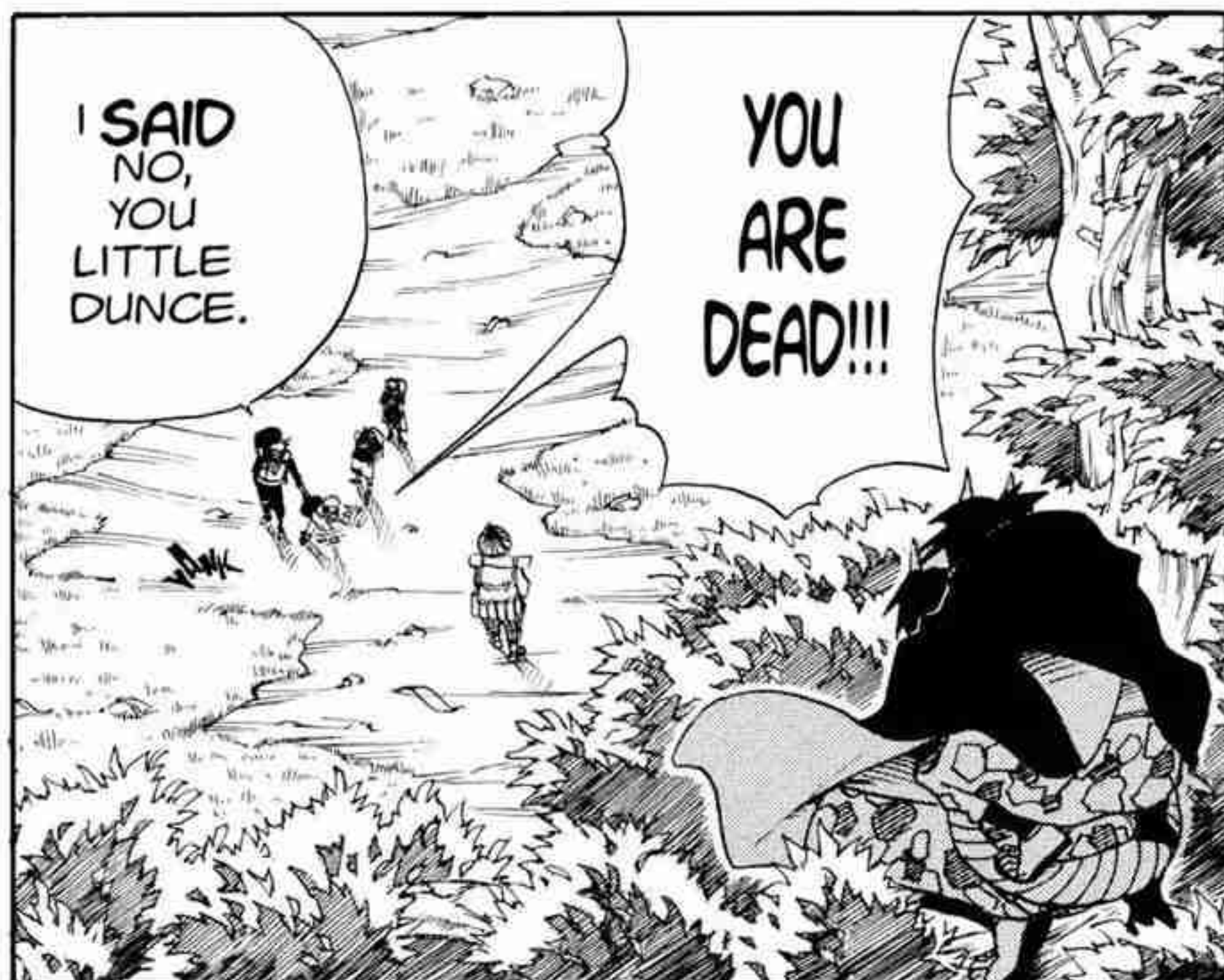
LISTEN,
YOU OLD
GEEZER!
YOU DON'T
MESS WITH
NINJA.
EVER.

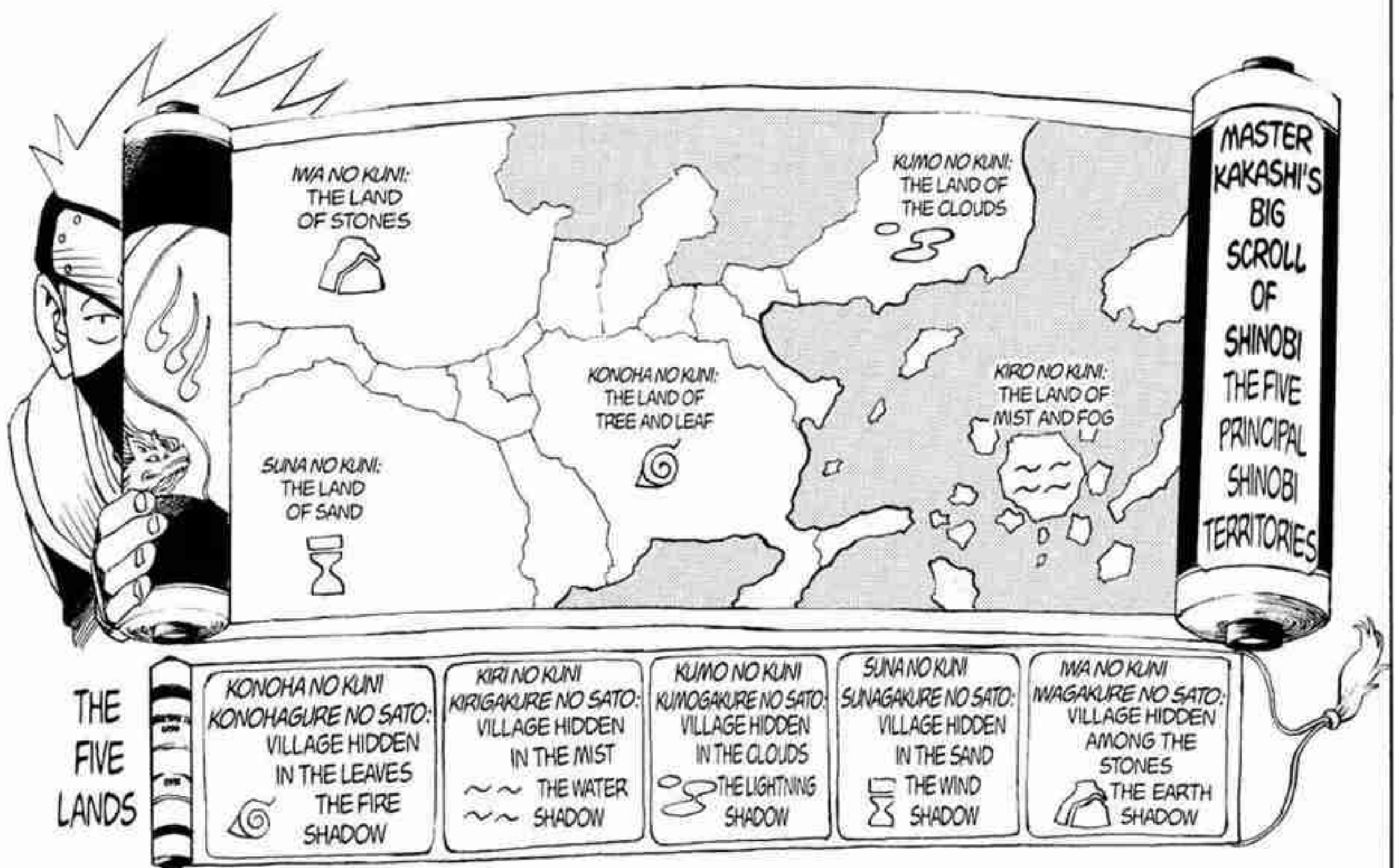


AND
I'M NOT
GONNA
LET
HIM GIVE
ME ANY
CRAP.

THIS GUY
HAS GOT
TO BE THE
WORST
CLIENT
IN THE
HISTORY
OF OUR
VILLAGE.







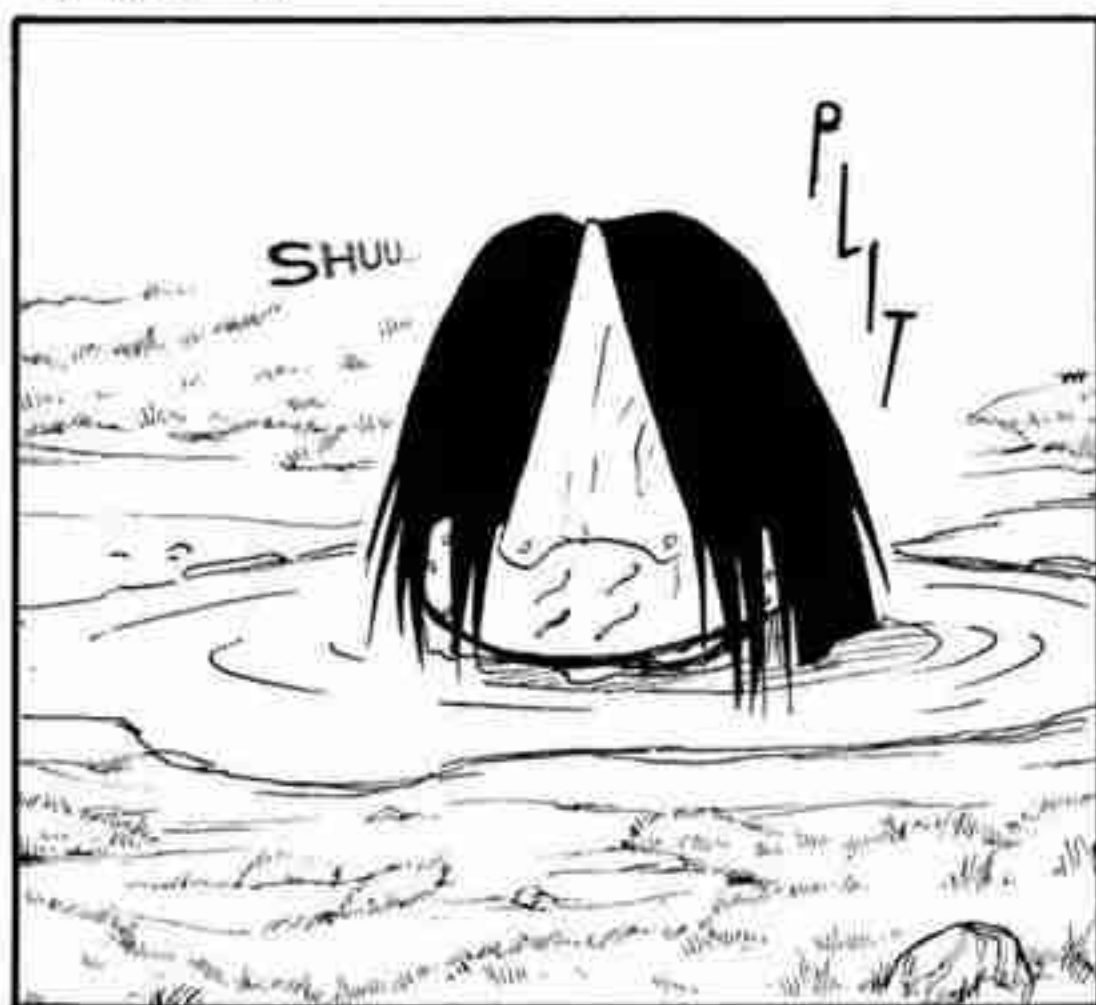
FOR MOST OF THE COUNTRIES ON THIS CONTINENT, THE NINJA VILLAGES SERVE AS THE MILITARY FORCE. THEY PROTECT THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND HANDLE THE ONGOING RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES! YET, THE VILLAGES DO NOT ANSWER TO THE RULERS OF THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES. INSTEAD, THEY ARE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE CASE OF VERY SMALL ISLAND NATIONS WHERE AN INVASION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MOUNT, A NINJA VILLAGE IS REGARDED AS UNNECESSARY. AMONG THE VARIOUS NINJA VILLAGES, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE LOCATED IN THE LANDS OF KONOHA, KIRI, KUMO, KUMO, SUNA AND IWA ARE LARGE—AND THEIR STRENGTH IS IMMENSE. THOSE ARE CALLED THE FIVE GREAT LANDS OF SHINOBI. THEY ARE ALSO THE ONLY PLACES WHERE THE SHINOBI LEADER CALLS HIMSELF A KAGE, OR SHADOW...

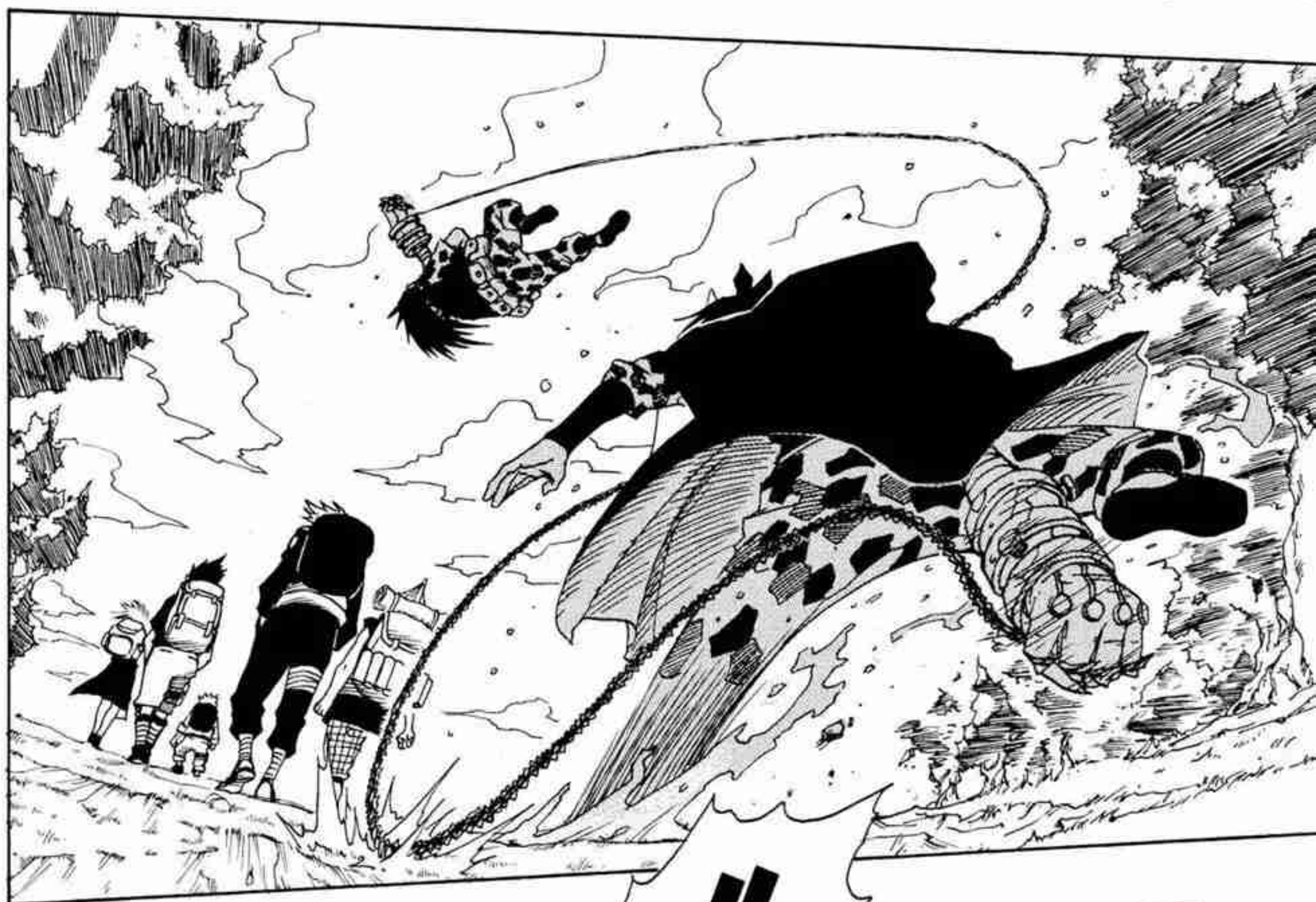
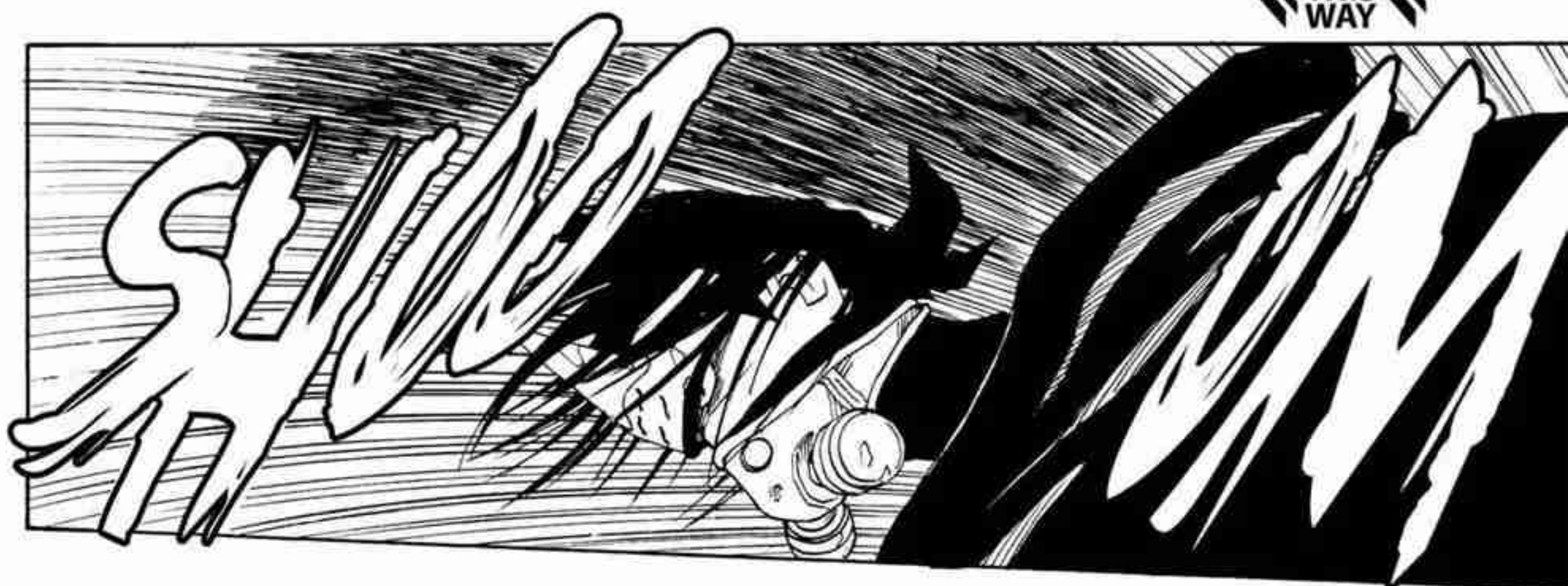
...THE ULTIMATE COMMANDERS OF ALL OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SHINOBI THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THOSE LEGENDARY LEADERS, HOKAGE—OR FIRE SHADOW—AND MIZUKAGE—OR WATER SHADOW—FOR EXAMPLE... PLUS RAIKAGE, KAZEKAGE, AND TSUCHIKAGE ARE KNOWN TO NINJA EVERYWHERE AS THE FIVE SHADOWS...

















Number 10: Target #2



SCROLLS: (1) EARTH STYLE (2) FIRE STYLE (3) WATER STYLE
(4) WIND STYLE (5) KISHIMOTO TECHNIQUE (6) NINJA WEAPONRY
(7) NINJA CENTERFOLD (8) SUMMONING

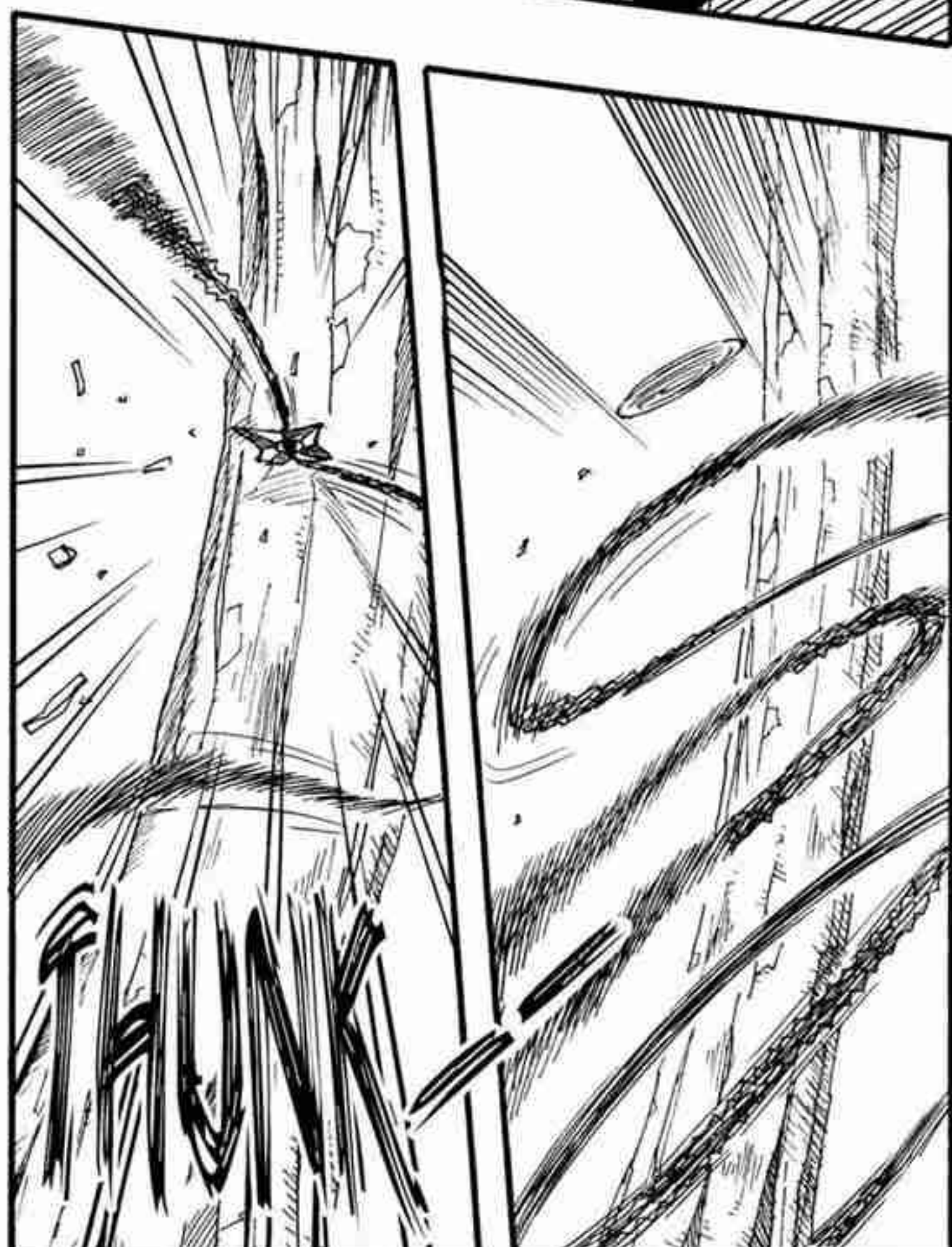


TWO
LITTLE
PIGGIES...

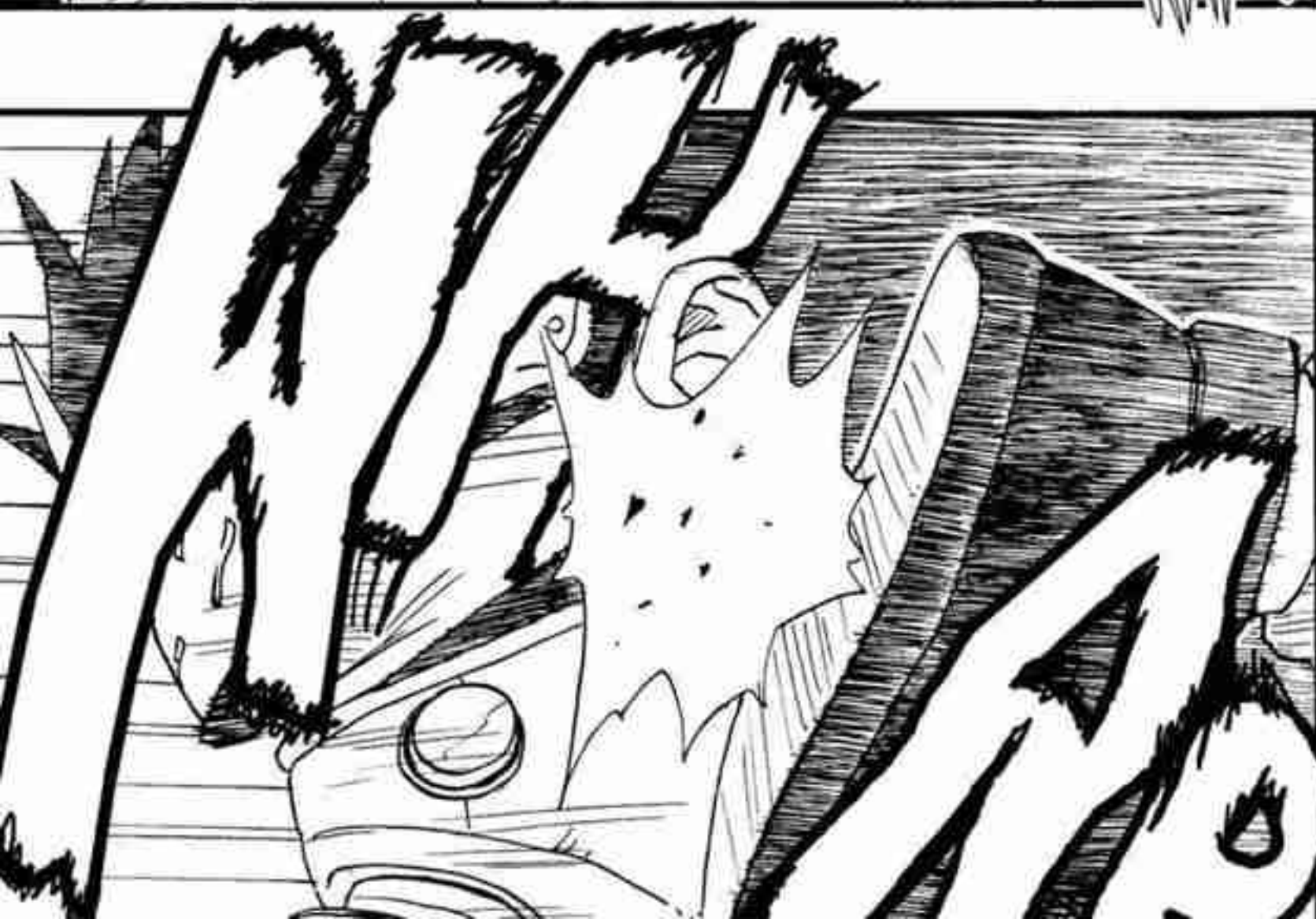


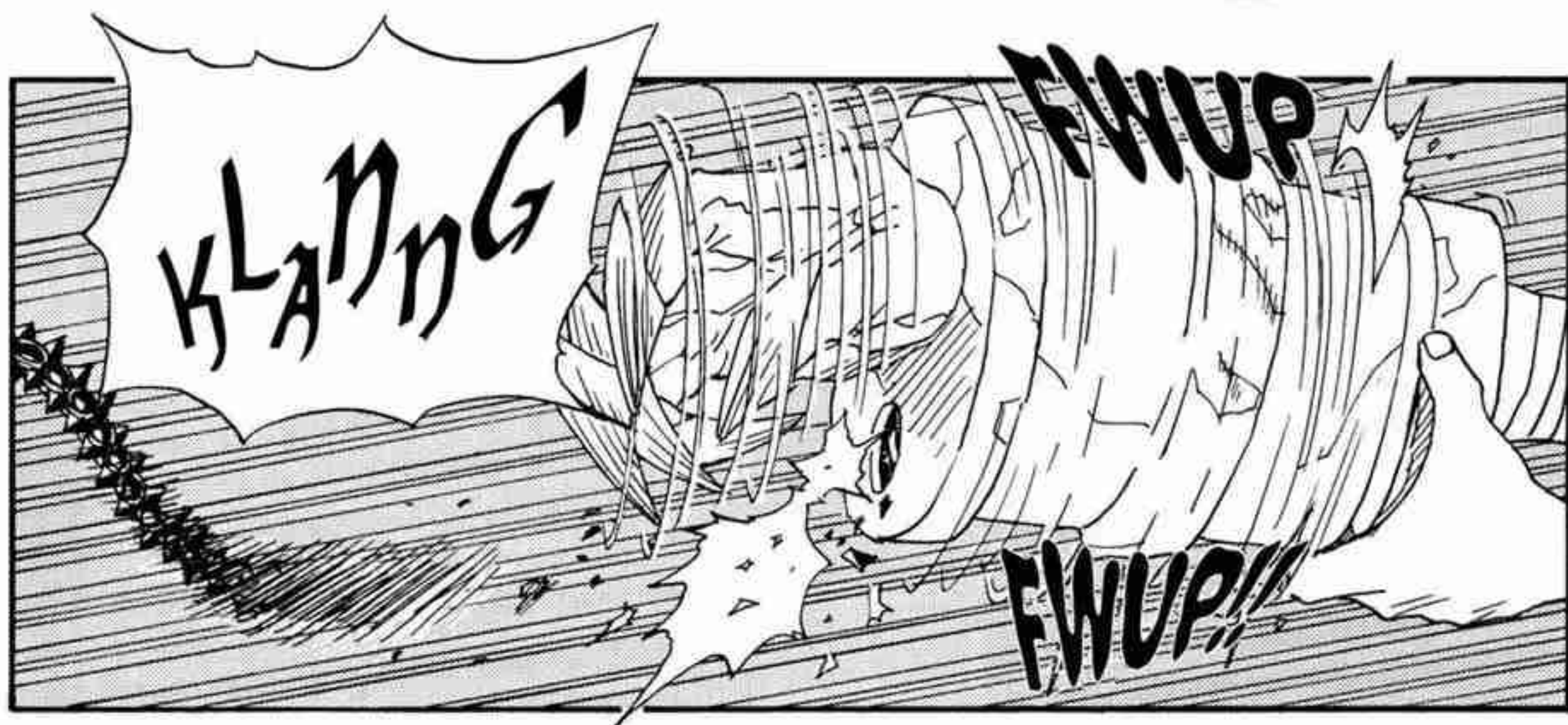
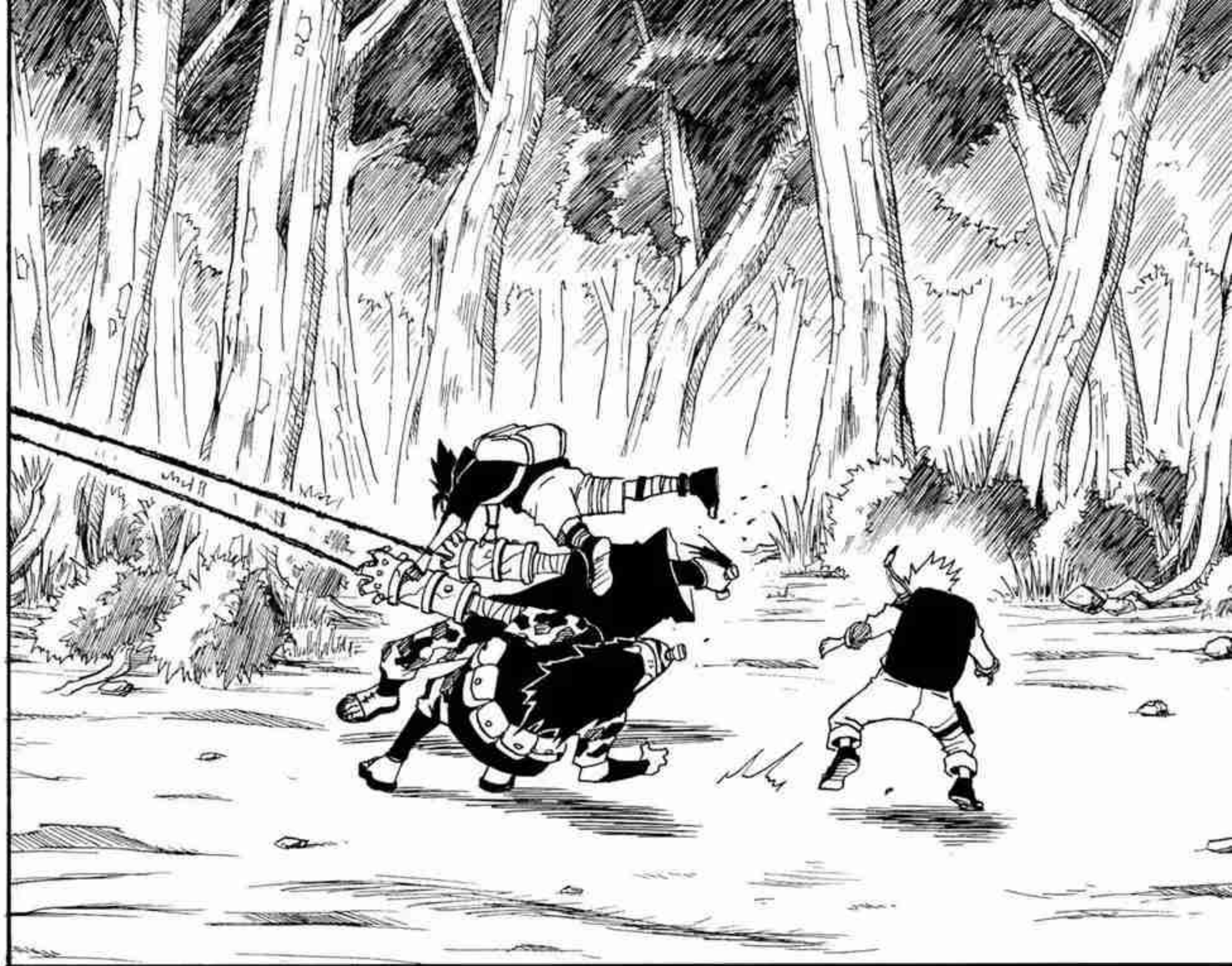
NI...
NINJA!!?

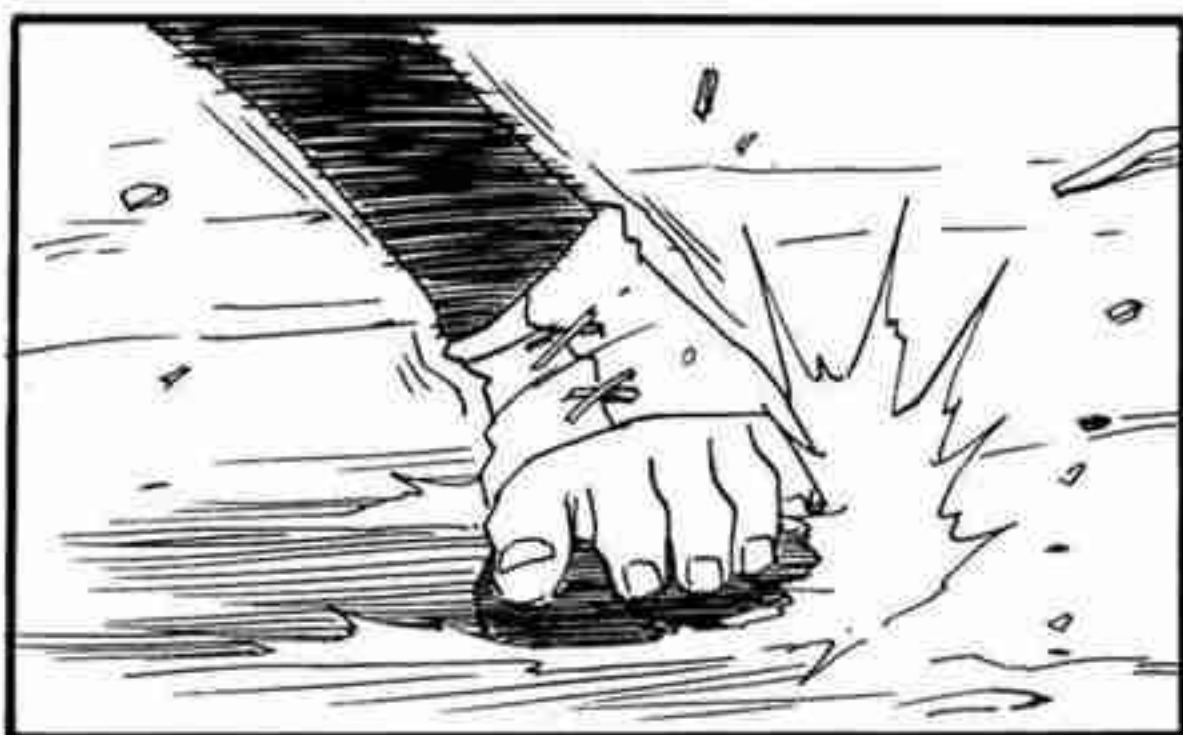






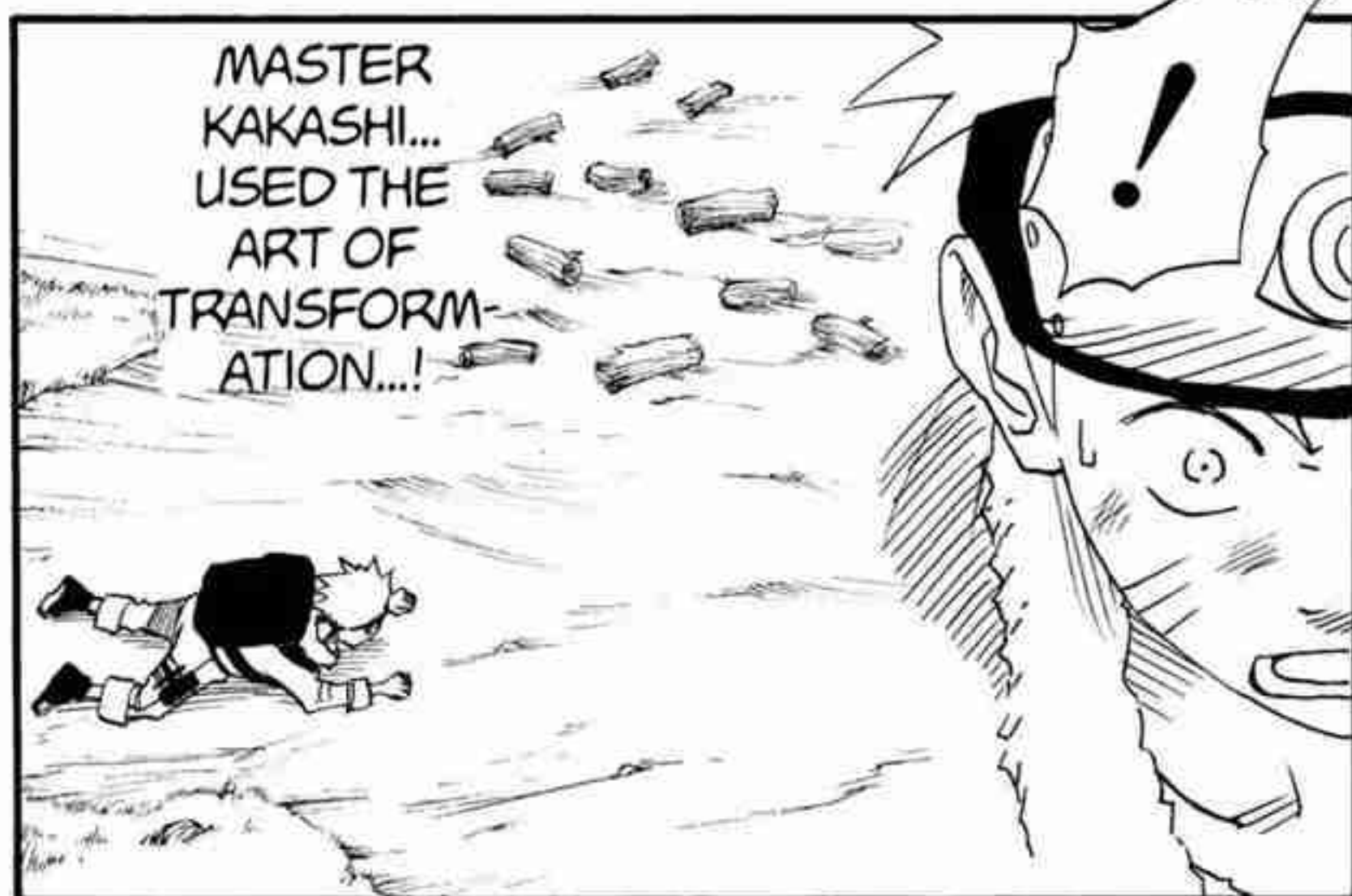




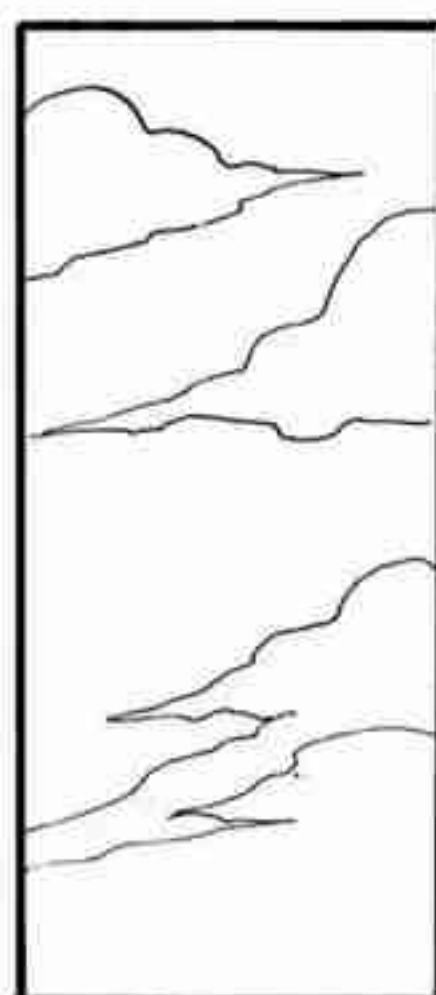


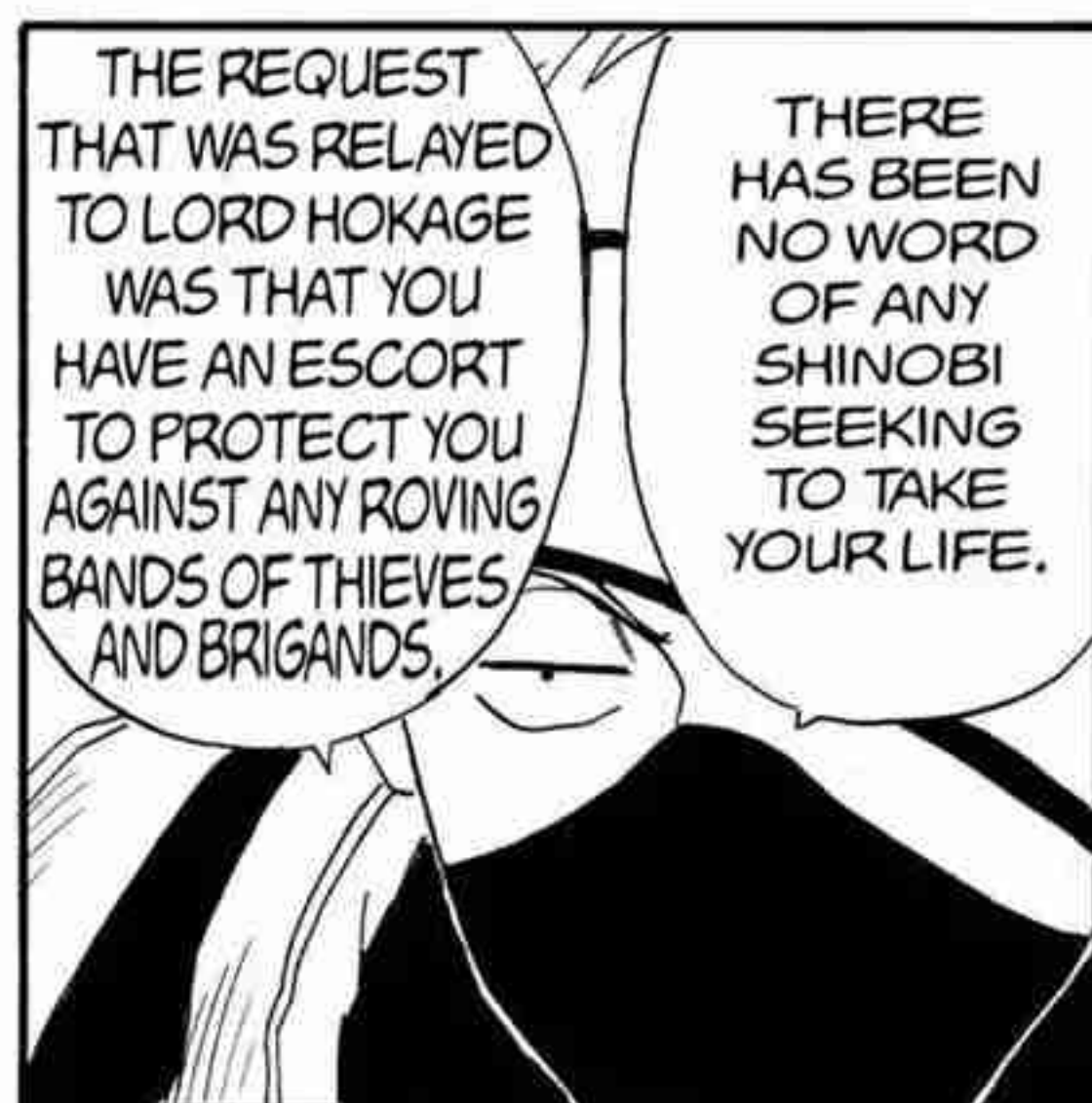














TO PROTECT YOU FROM ORDINARY DANGERS UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE BRIDGE YOU'RE CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING...

...WOULD BE A SIMPLE THING.

IN ANY CASE, IT'S CLEAR THIS IS MORE THAN A "B" RANK MISSION.



YOU MAY HAVE HAD YOUR REASONS, BUT IT'S NEVER A GOOD IDEA TO CONCEAL THE FACTS WHEN YOU ARE ASKING FOR HELP.

AS IT IS, THIS TASK FALLS FAR BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JOB WE WERE ASSIGNED.

BUT IF YOU EXPECTED TO BE THE TARGET OF A NINJA ASSAULT...

...THEN IT IS BEYOND QUESTION THAT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED—AND PRICED—AS A MISSION FOR ELITE NINJA.



THIS IS... COMPLICATED!



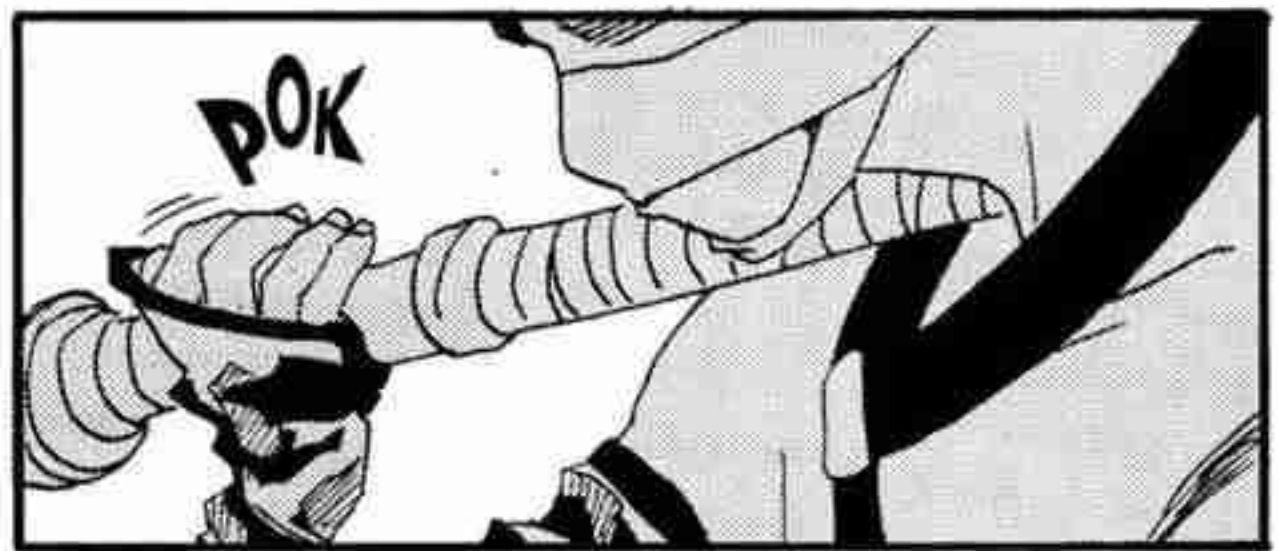
HHMM...



WE'LL NEED AN ANESTHETIC FOR NARUTO'S WOUND BEFORE WE CAN RE-OPEN IT AND DRAIN THE POISON.

WE'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH YET TO HANDLE SOMETHING LIKE THIS... CAN WE QUIT?

CAN'T WE RETURN TO THE VILLAGE AND HAVE A DOCTOR LOOK AT IT?



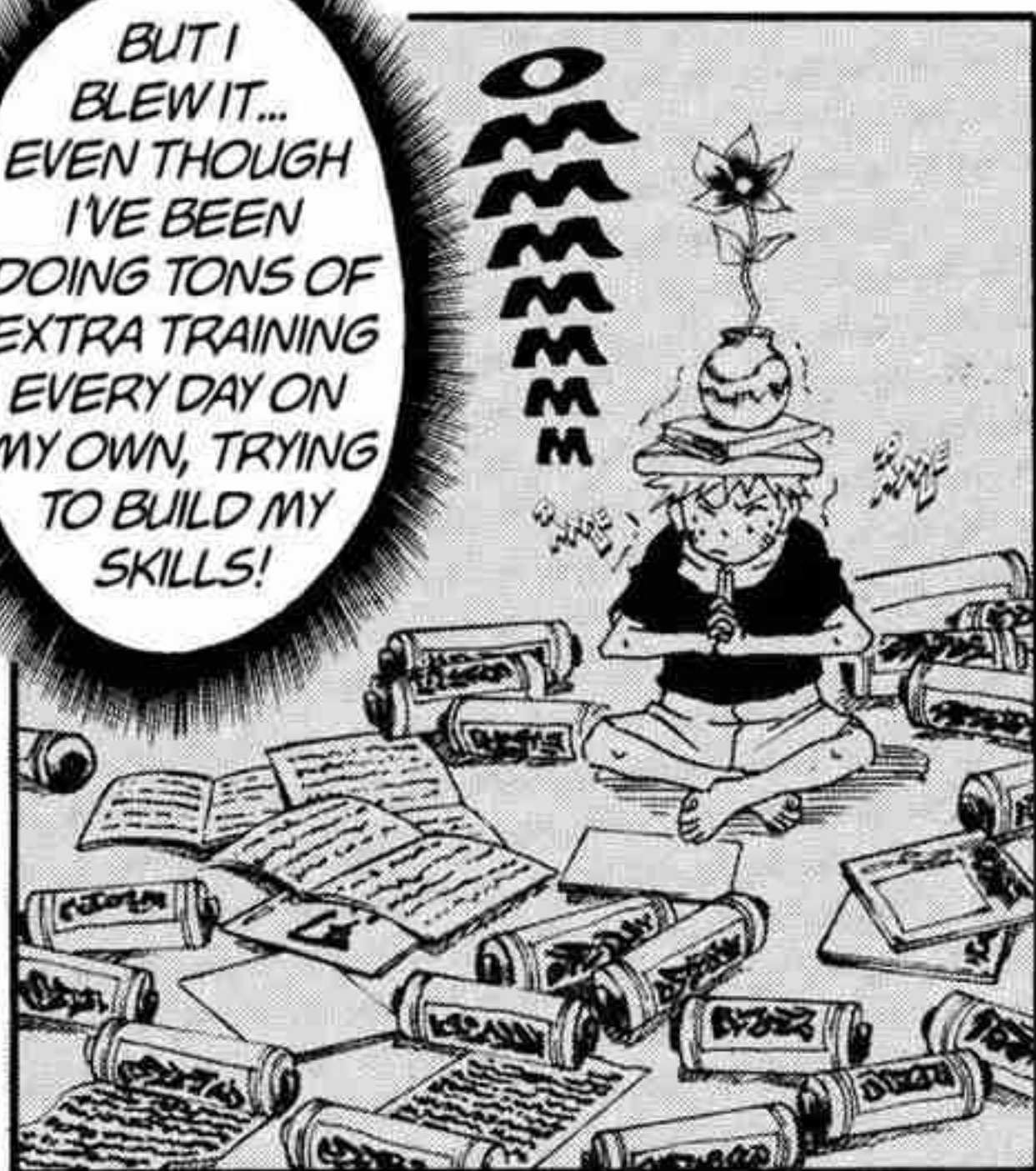


NARUTO,
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?!
NO!!
STOP
THAT!!

I
HATE
NOT
FITTING
IN!!!!

WHY
AM I
ALWAYS
SO
DIFFERENT?!

BUT I BLEW IT...
EVEN THOUGH
I'VE BEEN
DOING TONS OF
EXTRA TRAINING
EVERY DAY ON
MY OWN, TRYING
TO BUILD MY
SKILLS!



BY
NOW,
I
SHOULD
BE
REALLY
STRONG!



I
SWEAR
IT...
BY
THE
PAIN
IN
MY
LEFT
HAND...

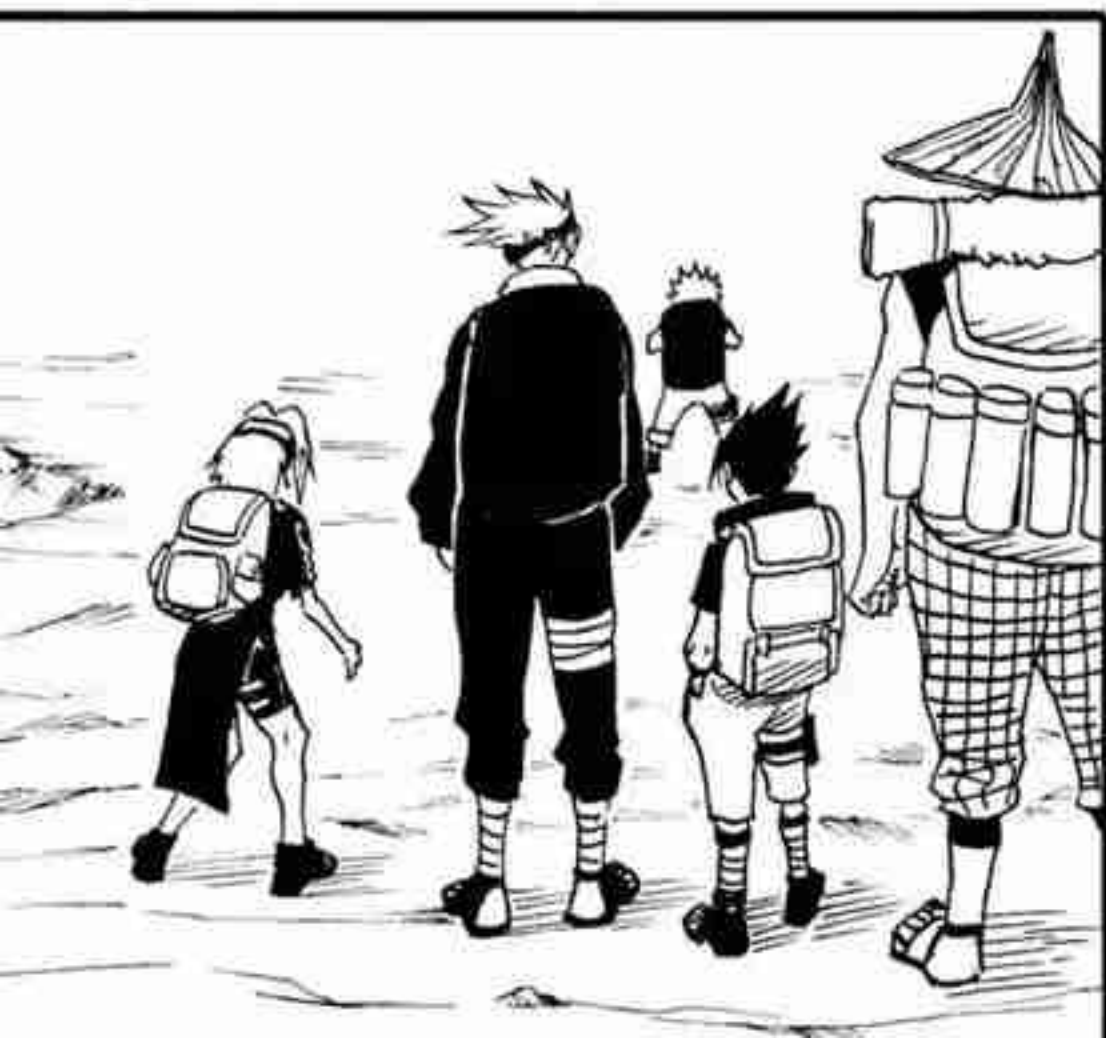


...AND
I'M
NOT
GONNA
BE
OUTDONE
BY
SASUKE!



I'M
NOT
GOING
TO BE
THE ONE
WHO HANGS
BACK OR
FREEZES
UP...

I SWEAR,
NO ONE'S
EVER GONNA
HAVE TO
SAVE MY
LIFE
AGAIN....



WITH
THIS
KUNAI
KNIFE,
I
PROMISE
YOU, I...





REPORTING,
FIT
FOR
DUTY,
MASTER!

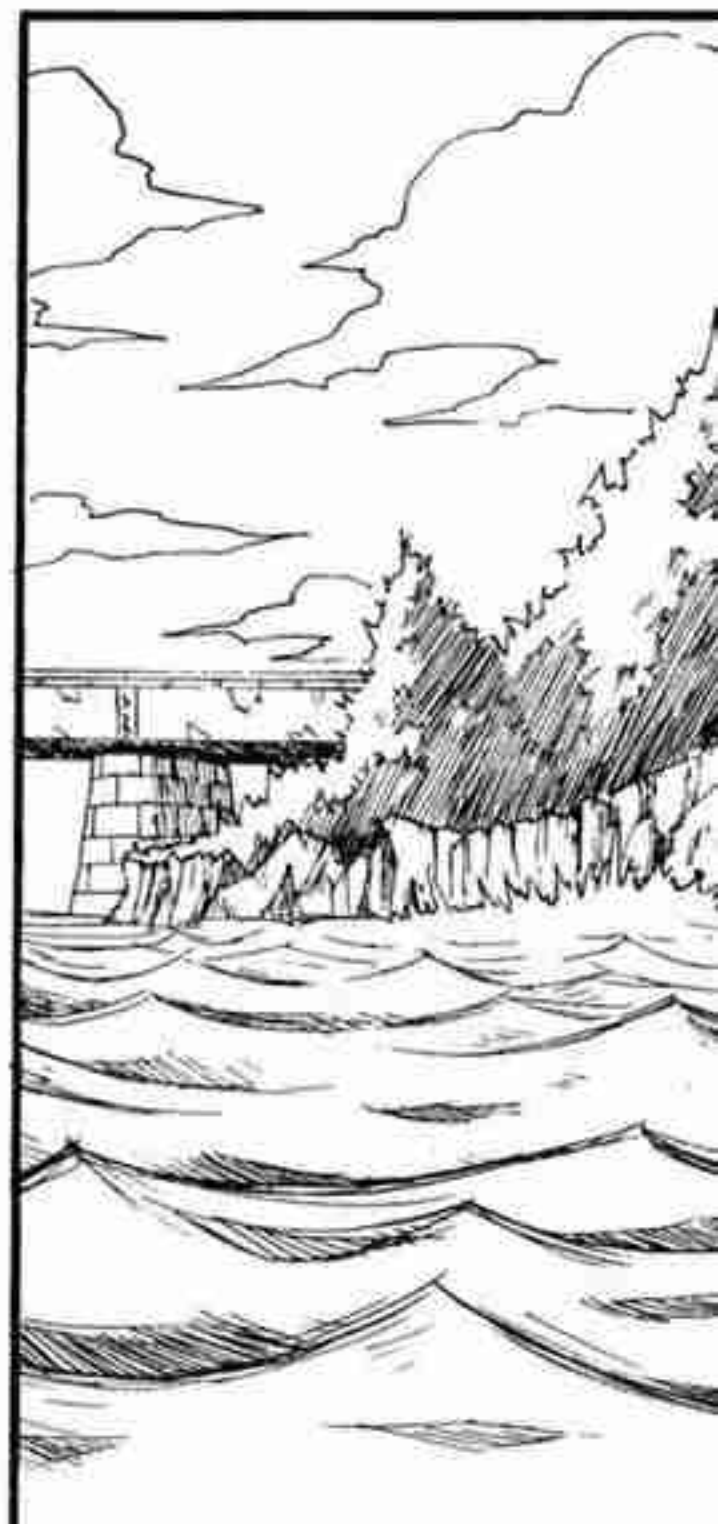
...WILL
PROTECT
THE
OLD
MAN.

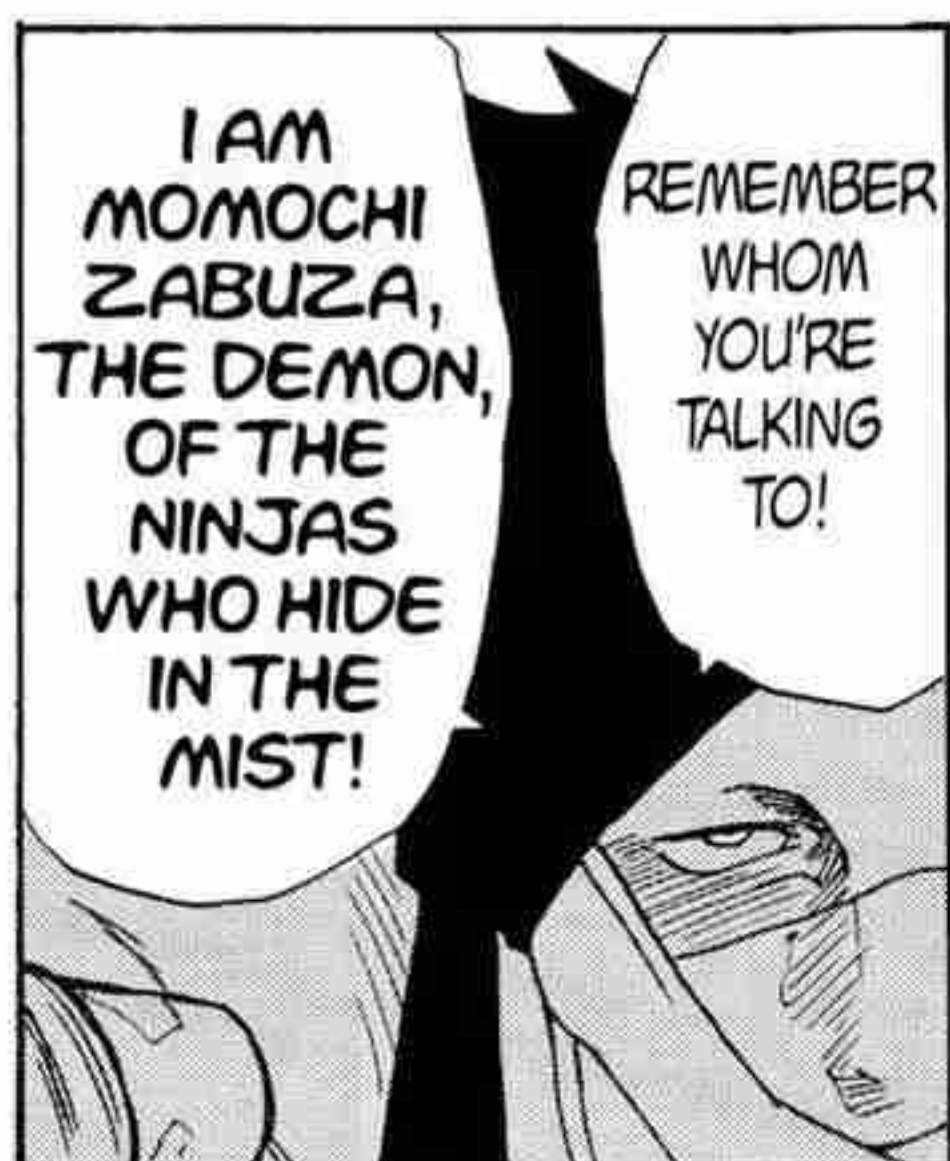
HEH



THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.
I, WITH
THIS NECK-
CLEAVING
KNIFE...

DO
STOP
WHINING.





I AM
MOMOCHI
ZABUZA,
THE DEMON,
OF THE
NINJAS
WHO HIDE
IN THE
MIST!

REMEMBER
WHOM
YOU'RE
TALKING
TO!

THE ENEMY HAS
HIRED NINJAS OF
TREMENDOUS
SKILL! AND
BESIDES...

NOW
THAT THE
DEMON
BROTHERS
HAVE TRIED
AND FAILED,
THEY'LL BE
ON GUARD
AGAINST
FURTHER
ATTEMPTS.



...YESSIR...
BUT
ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU REALLY
WANT TO?

Fan Letters

Closet
(Personal
Space)

Me, Sleeping
in the Closet

Reference
Library
(Full of
Manga)

Piles of
Shonen
Jump

Toilet

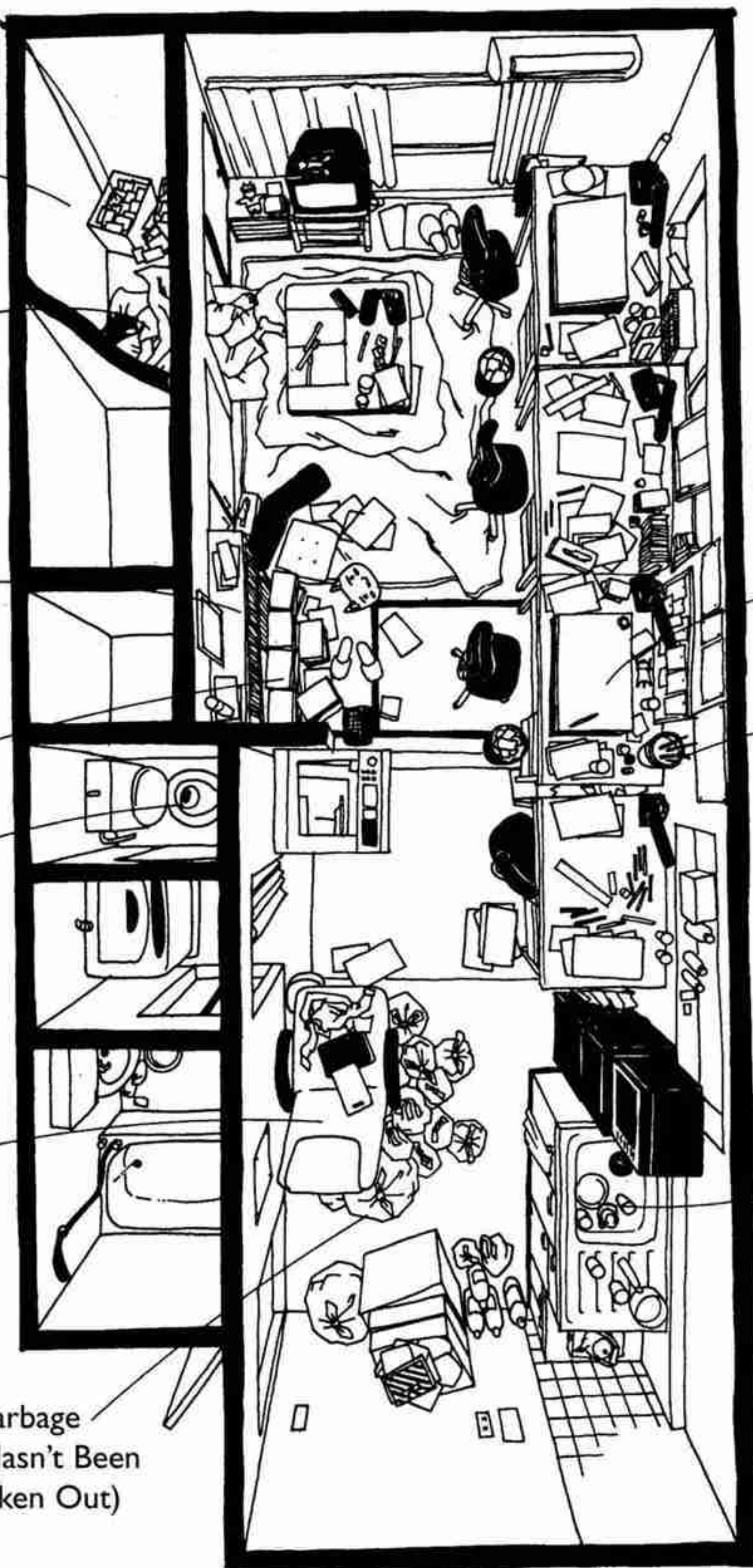
Super-
Deluxe
Massage
Machine
(Never
Used)

Garbage
(Hasn't Been
Taken Out)

My Desk

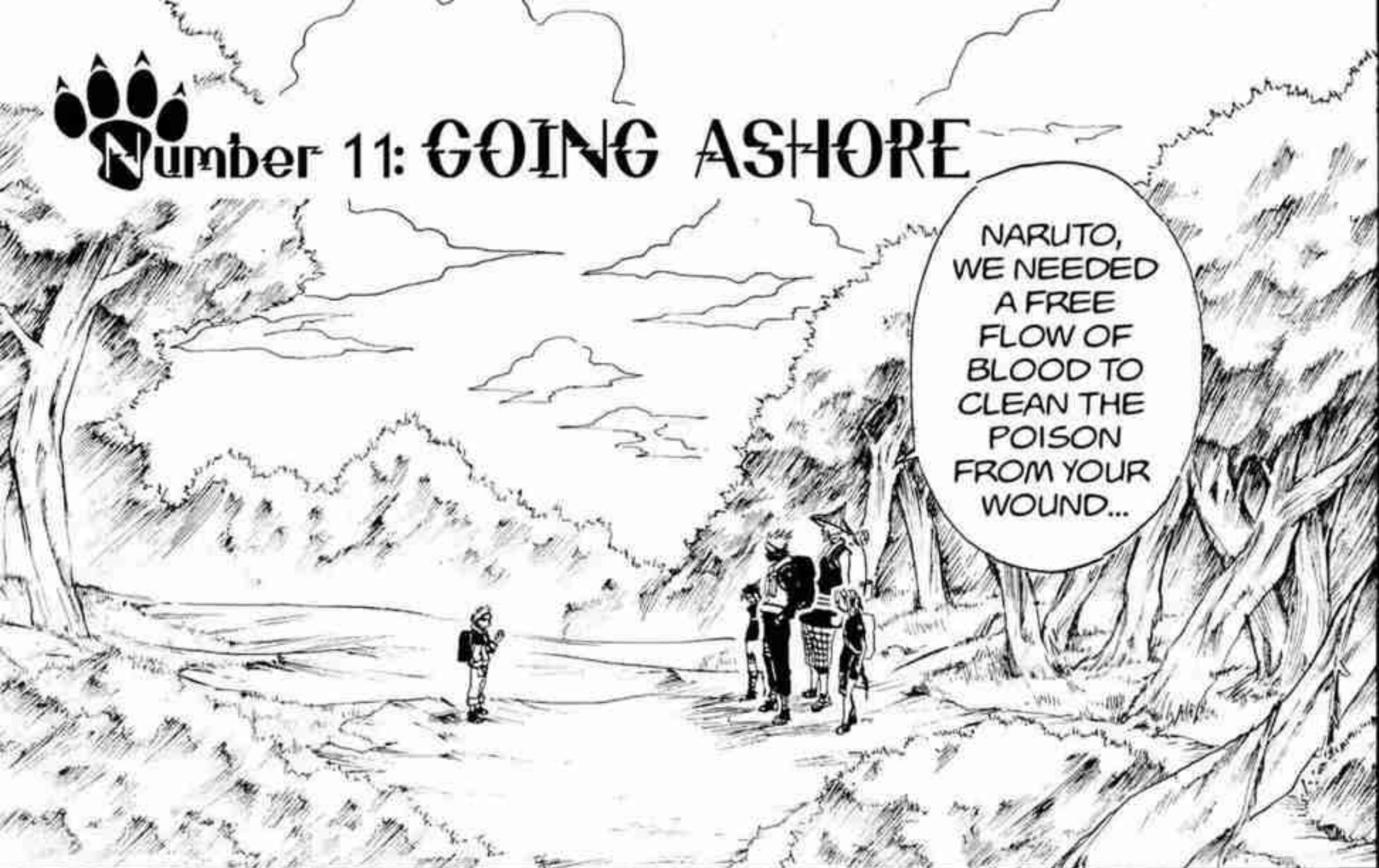
My Dead
Plant,
"Ukki-kun"

Unwashed
Dishes





Number 11: GOING ASHORE



NARUTO,
WE NEEDED
A FREE
FLOW OF
BLOOD TO
CLEAN THE
POISON
FROM YOUR
WOUND...



YOU
COULD
BLEED
TO
DEATH.
I'M
SERIOUS.
♡



BUT
YOU'VE
EXCEEDED
THE
NEED...



WHAT
ARE YOU,
NARUTO?
SOME
KIND OF
MASO-
CHIST?
DO YOU
GET
OFF
ON
PAIN?

SHOW
ME
YOUR
HAND.

IDON'T
WANNA
DIE!
SAVE ME!!!



NOOO!
NUH-UH!
NO
WAY!
ISN'T
GONNA
HAPPEN!

I'M
NOT
GONNA
DIE
LIKE
THIS!



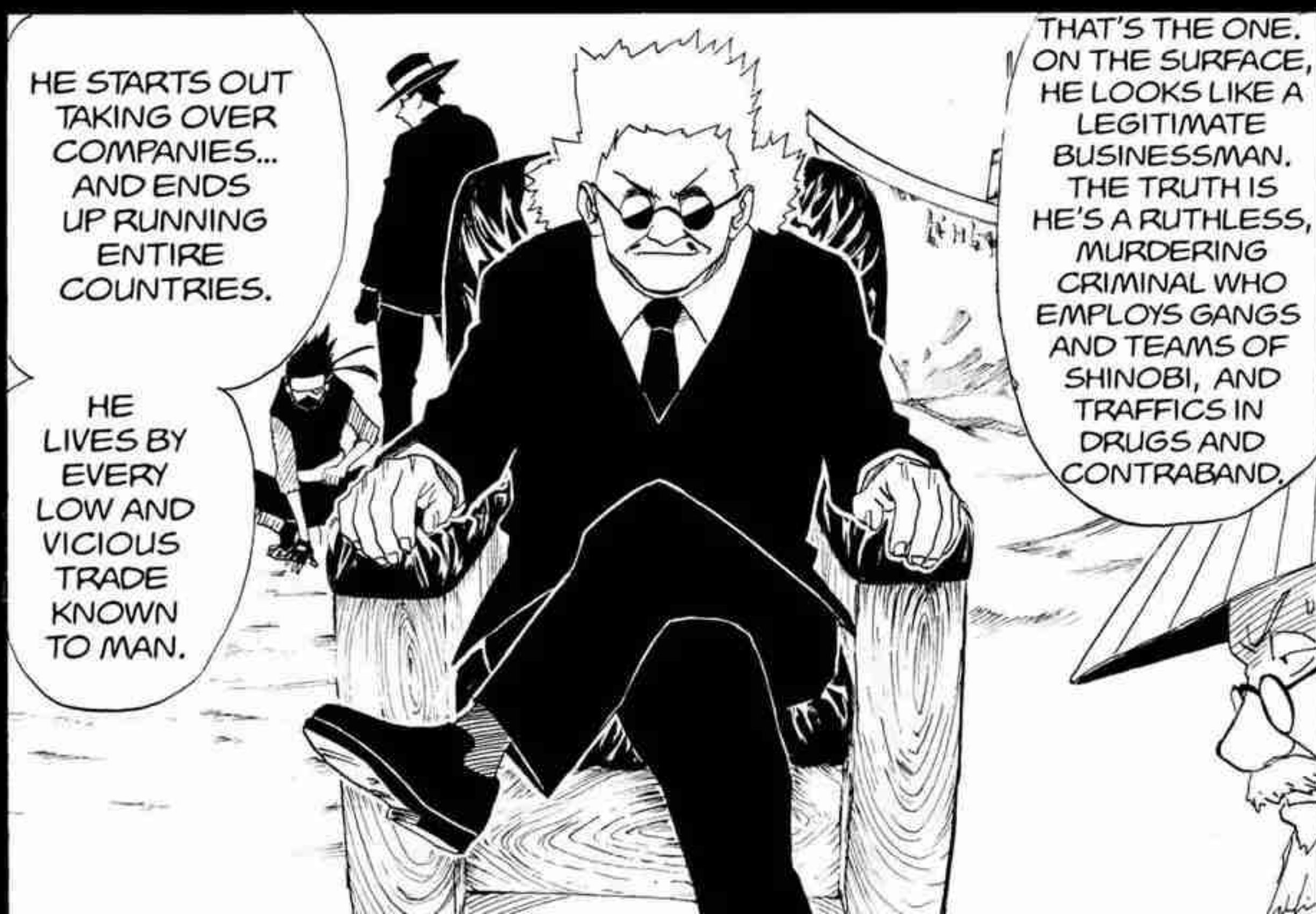
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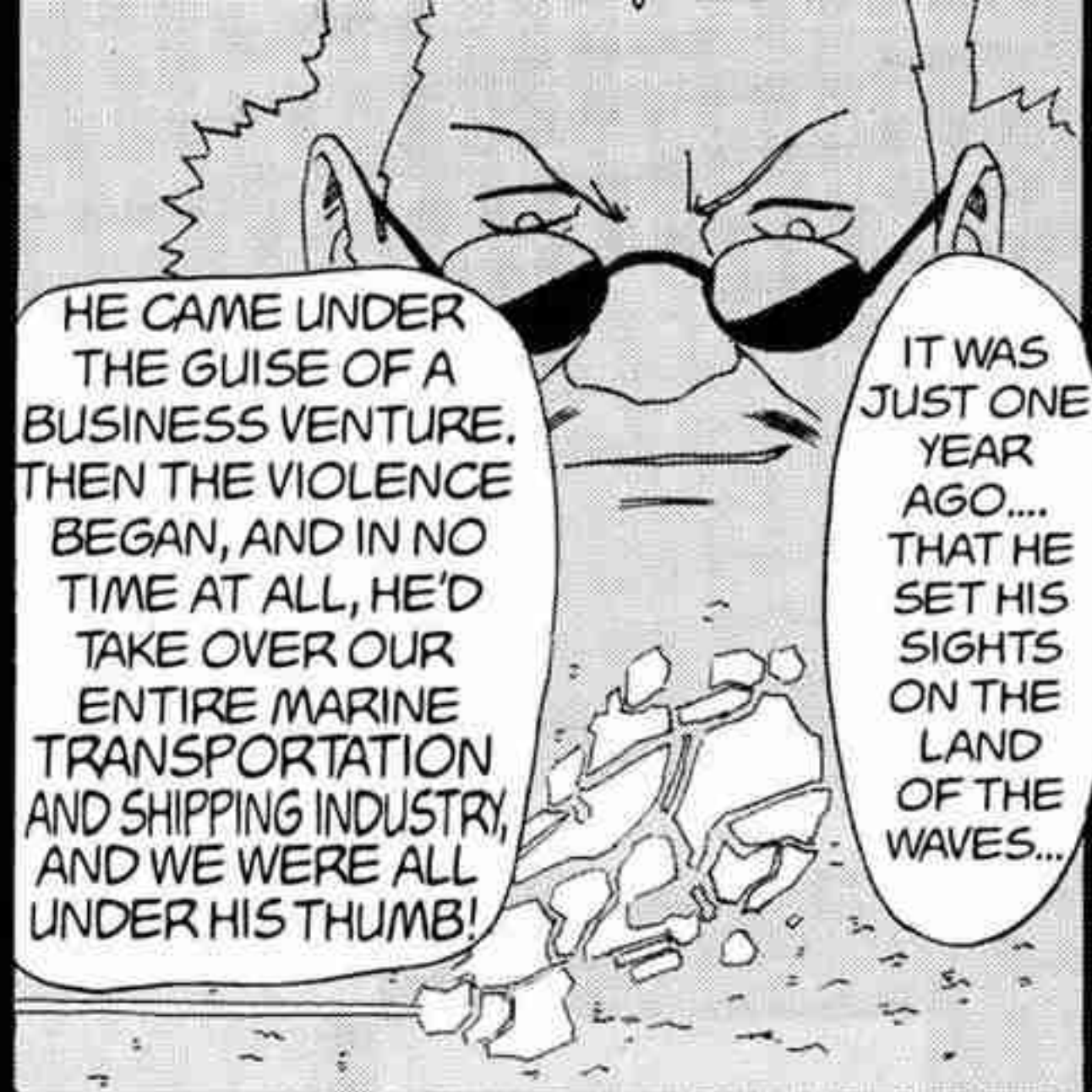
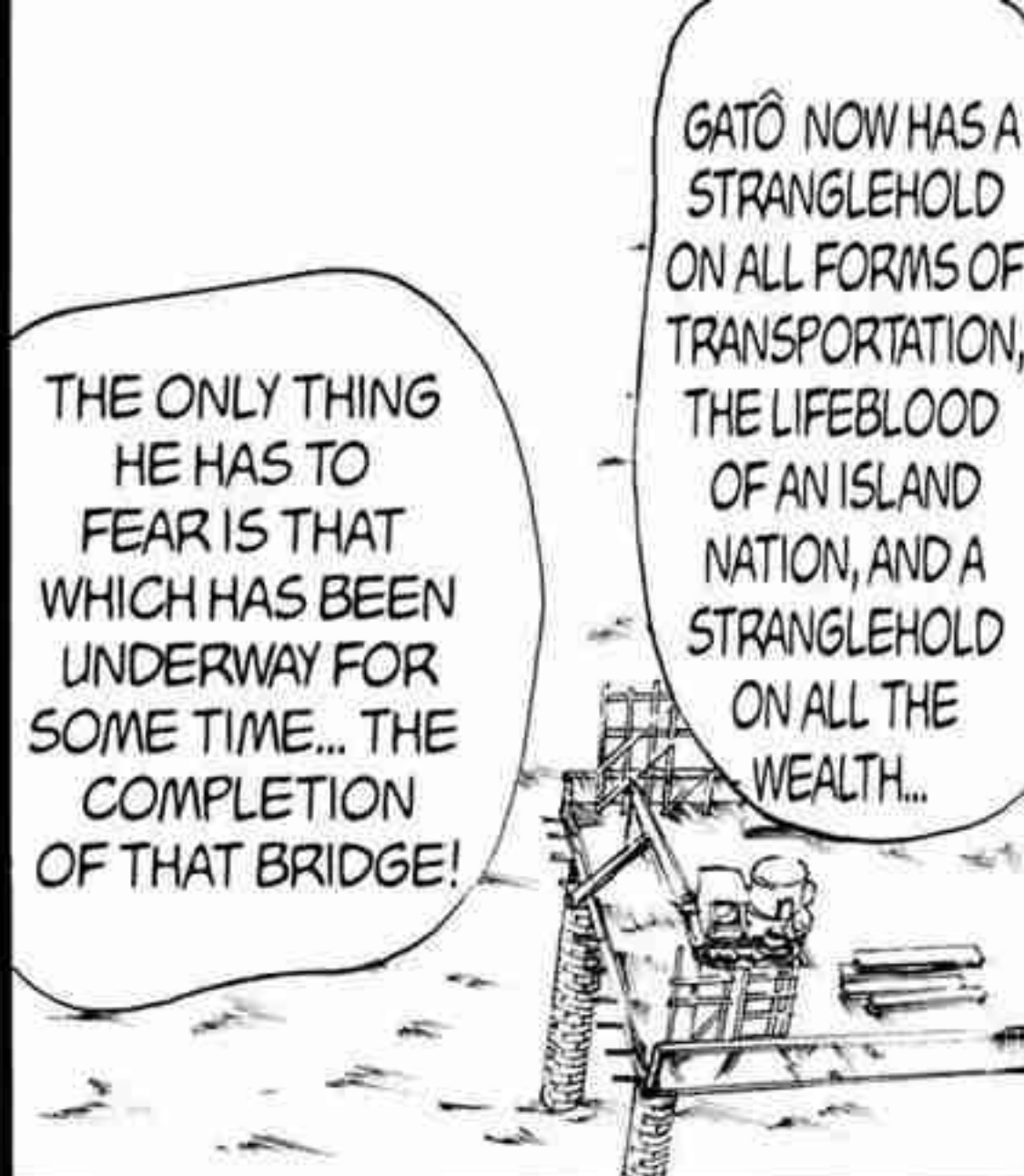


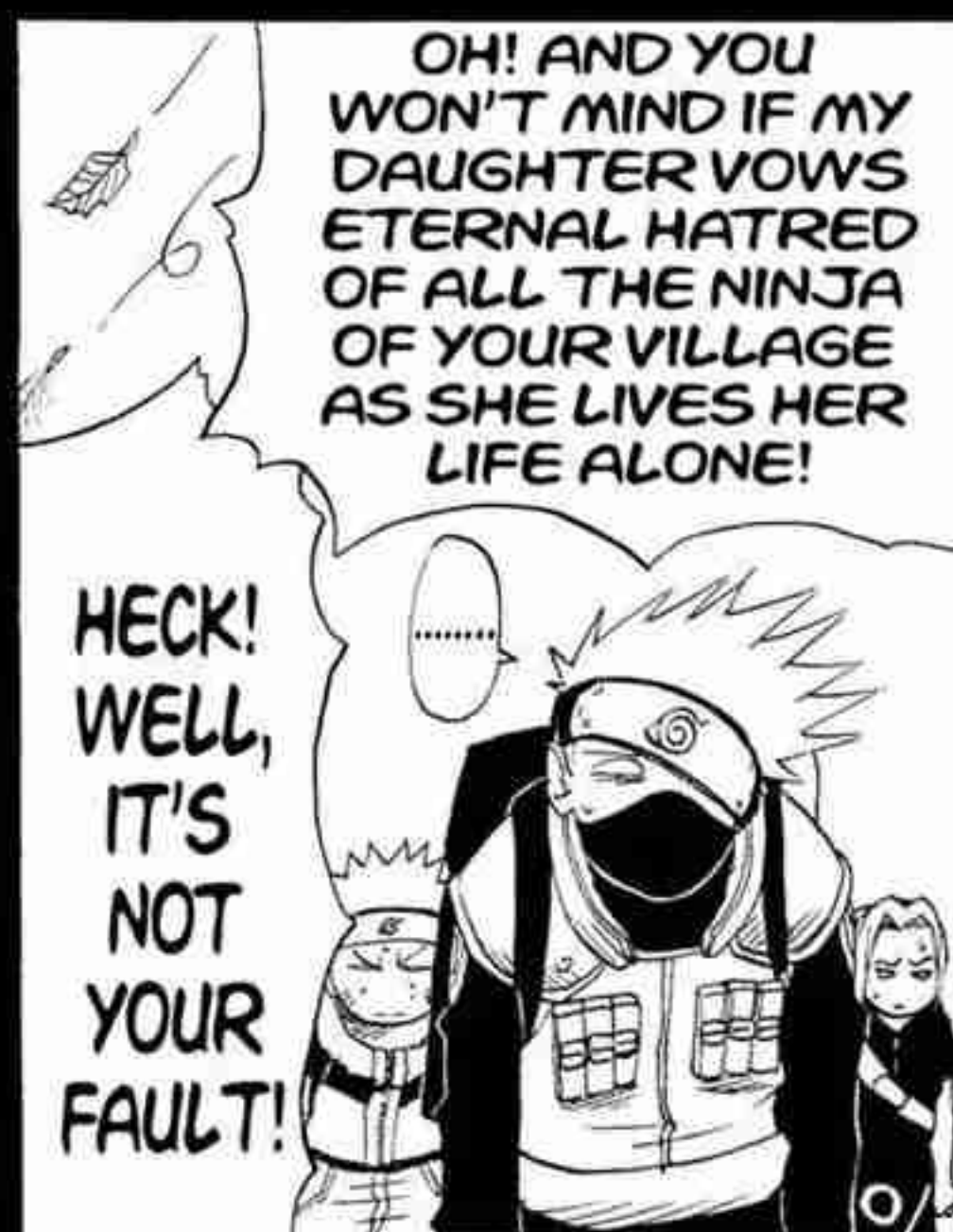






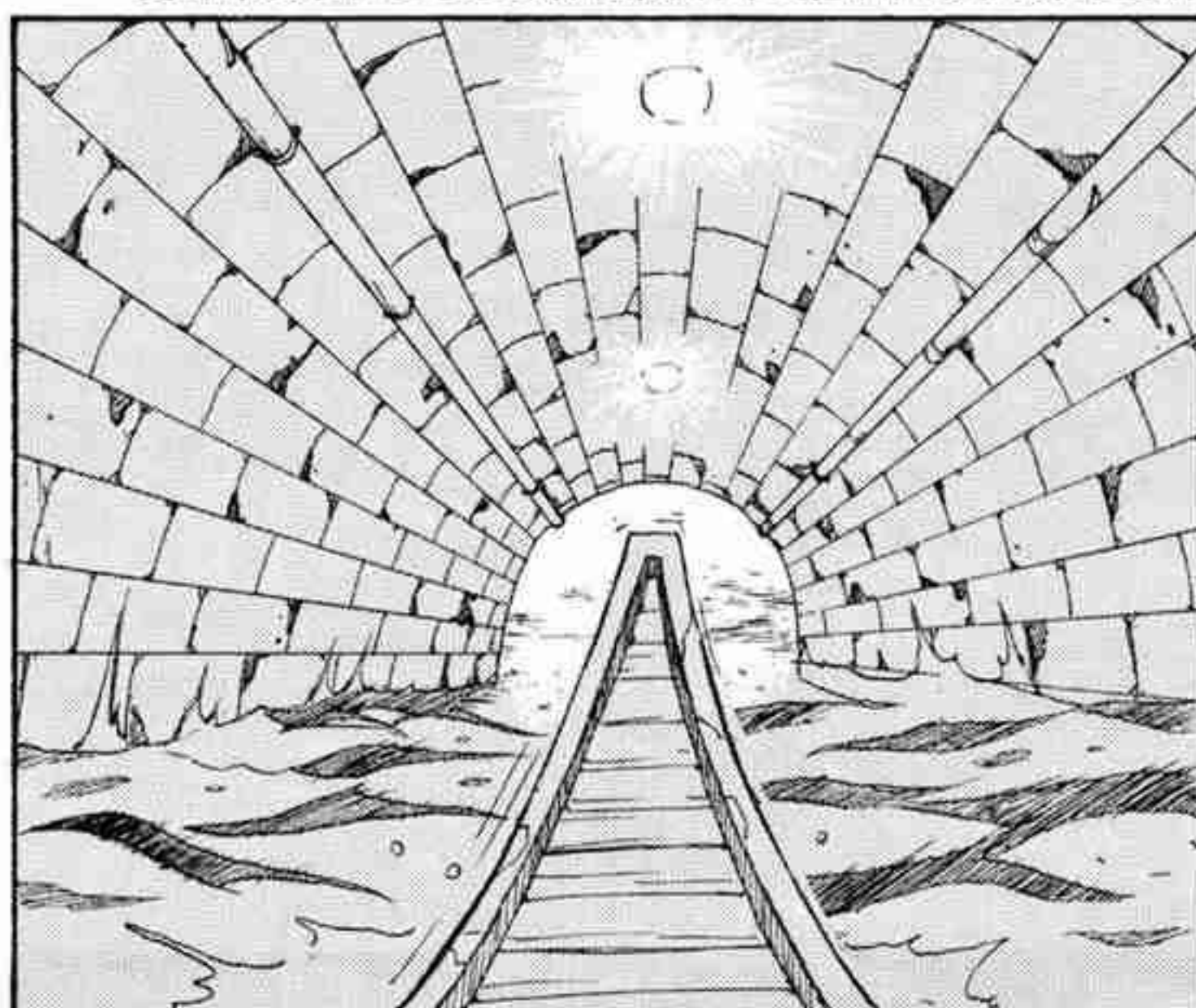


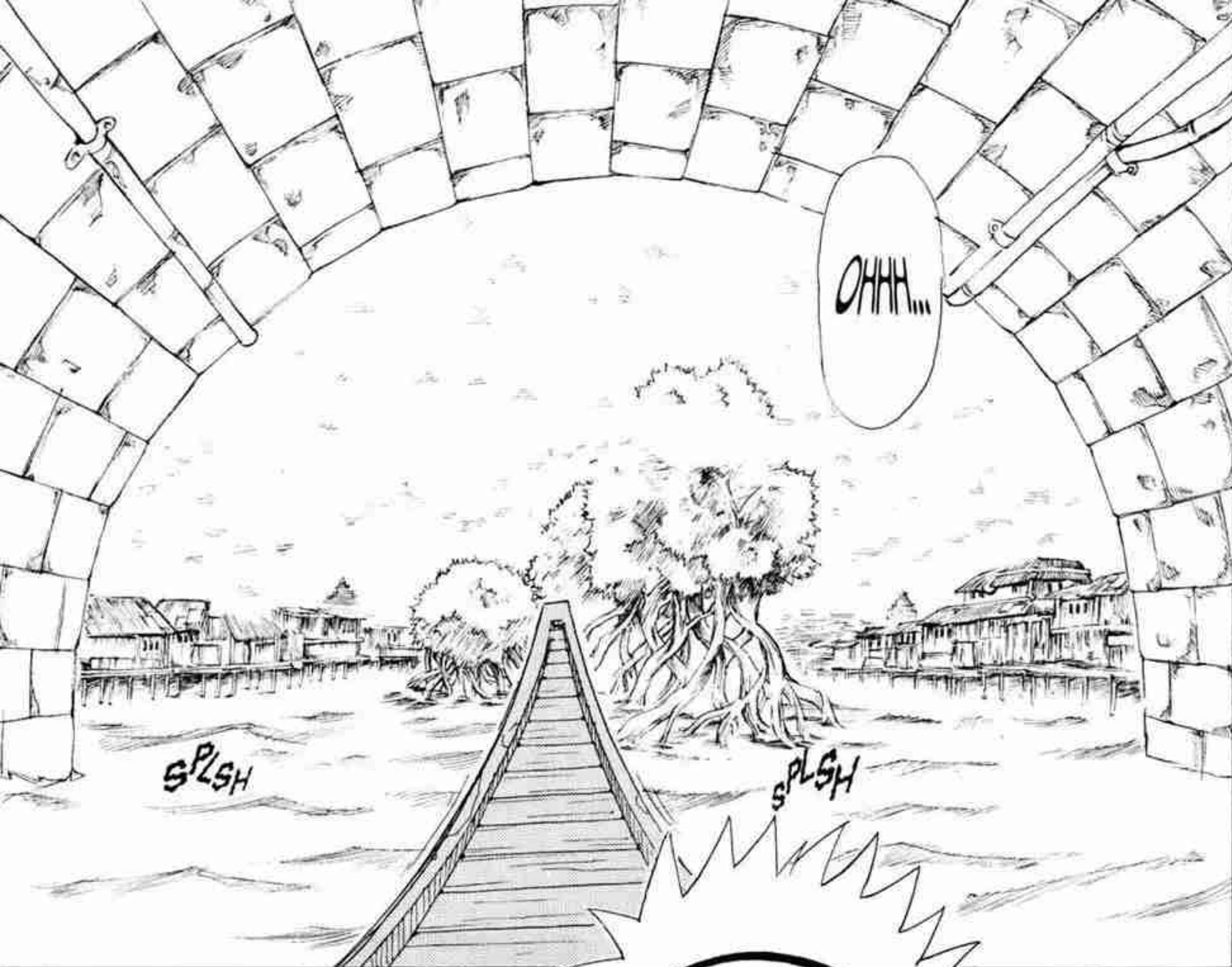






*TROPICAL EVERGREENS THAT GROW ALONG THE SHORELINES AND RIVER BANKS AND LOOK LIKE FLOATING FORESTS WHEN THE TIDE IS HIGH.



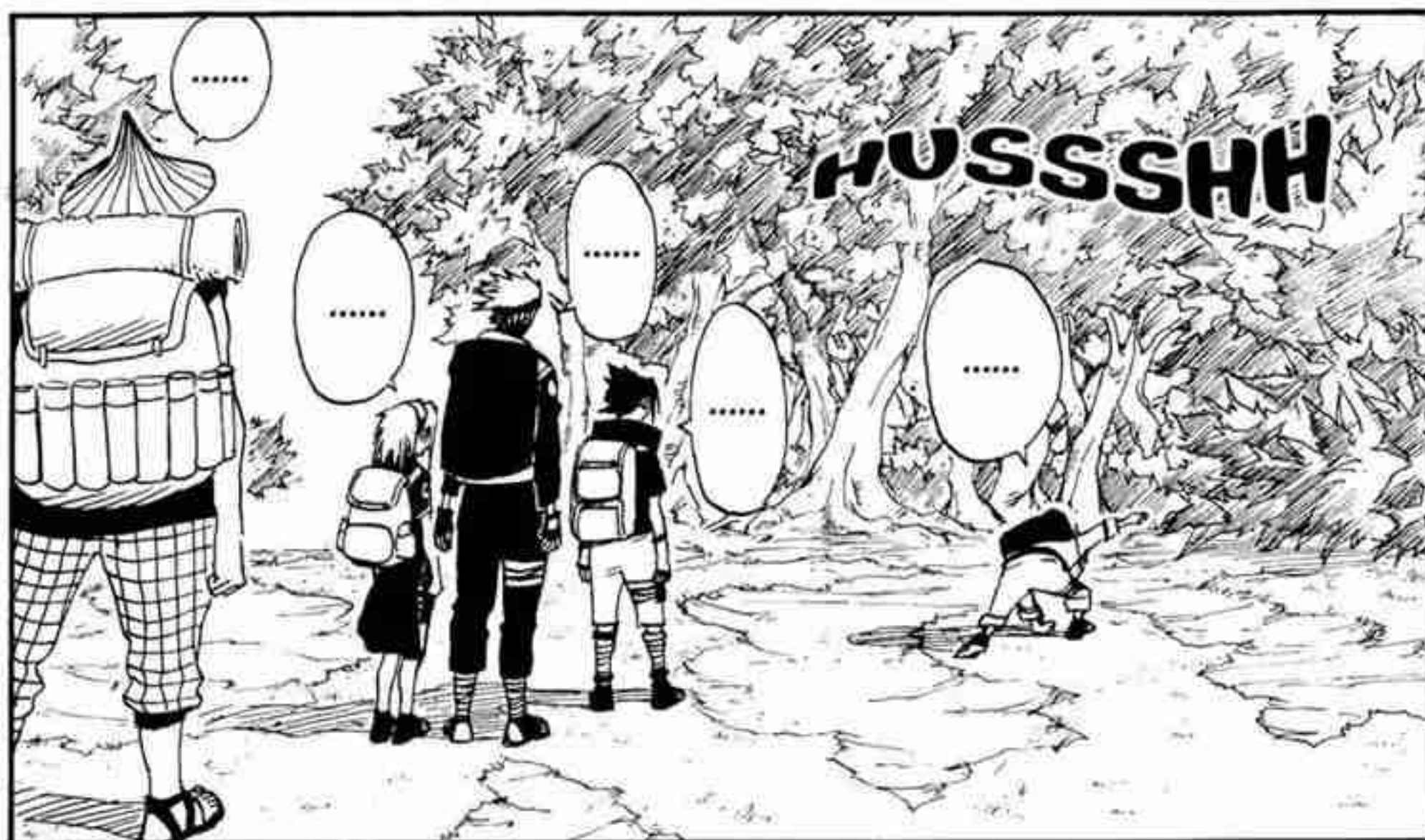


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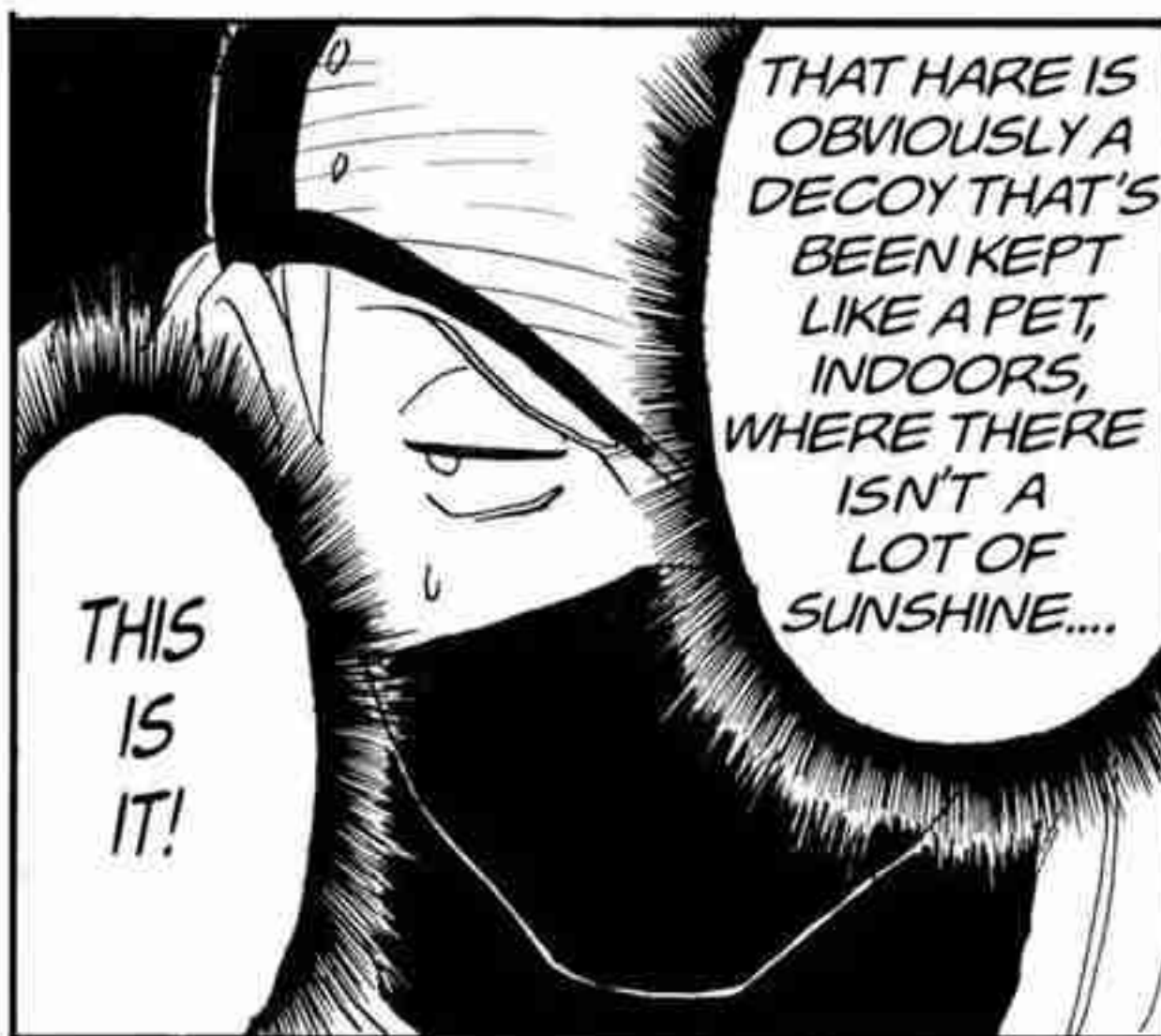














EVERYONE
TAKE
COVER!!



SHE

THOK



AGGH!



THOP



SHUNN



WELL, WELL...
IF IT ISN'T
MOMOCHI
ZABUZA,
THE KID WHO
RAN OFF AND
LEFT THE
LAND OF THE
MISTS!



THIS ONE
IS ON A
DIFFERENT
PLANE
FROM OUR
PREVIOUS
OPPONENTS.

GIVE
ME
ROOM

DON'T
INTERFERE.



AND IF
I HAVE
TO FACE
HIM,
IT HAD
BETTER
BE...



POK

...LIKE
THIS...

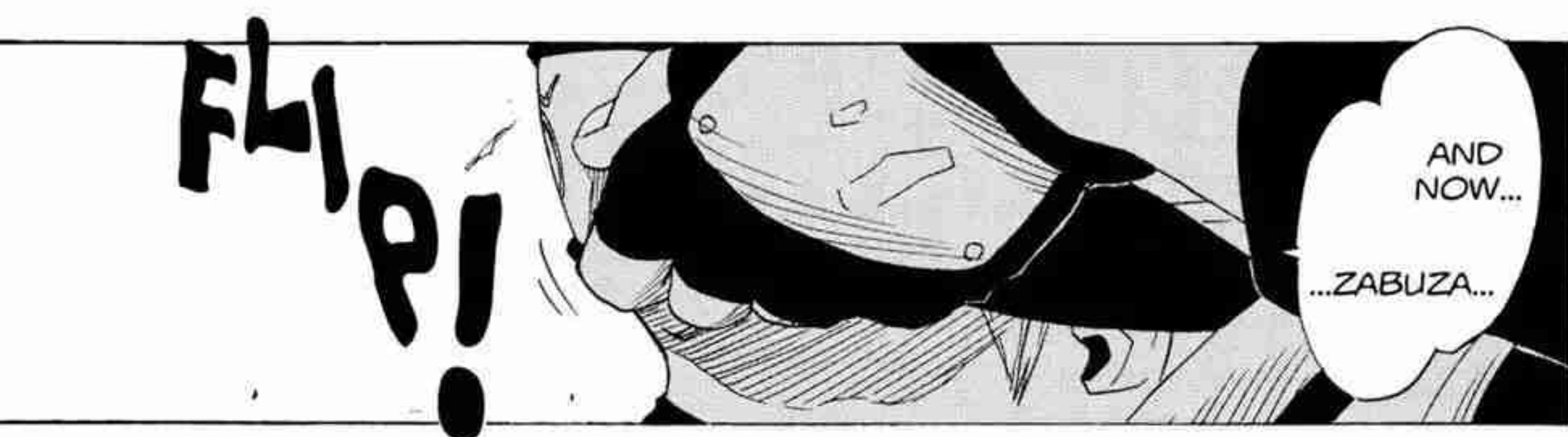
THIS
MAY
BE A
LITTLE
ROUGH.

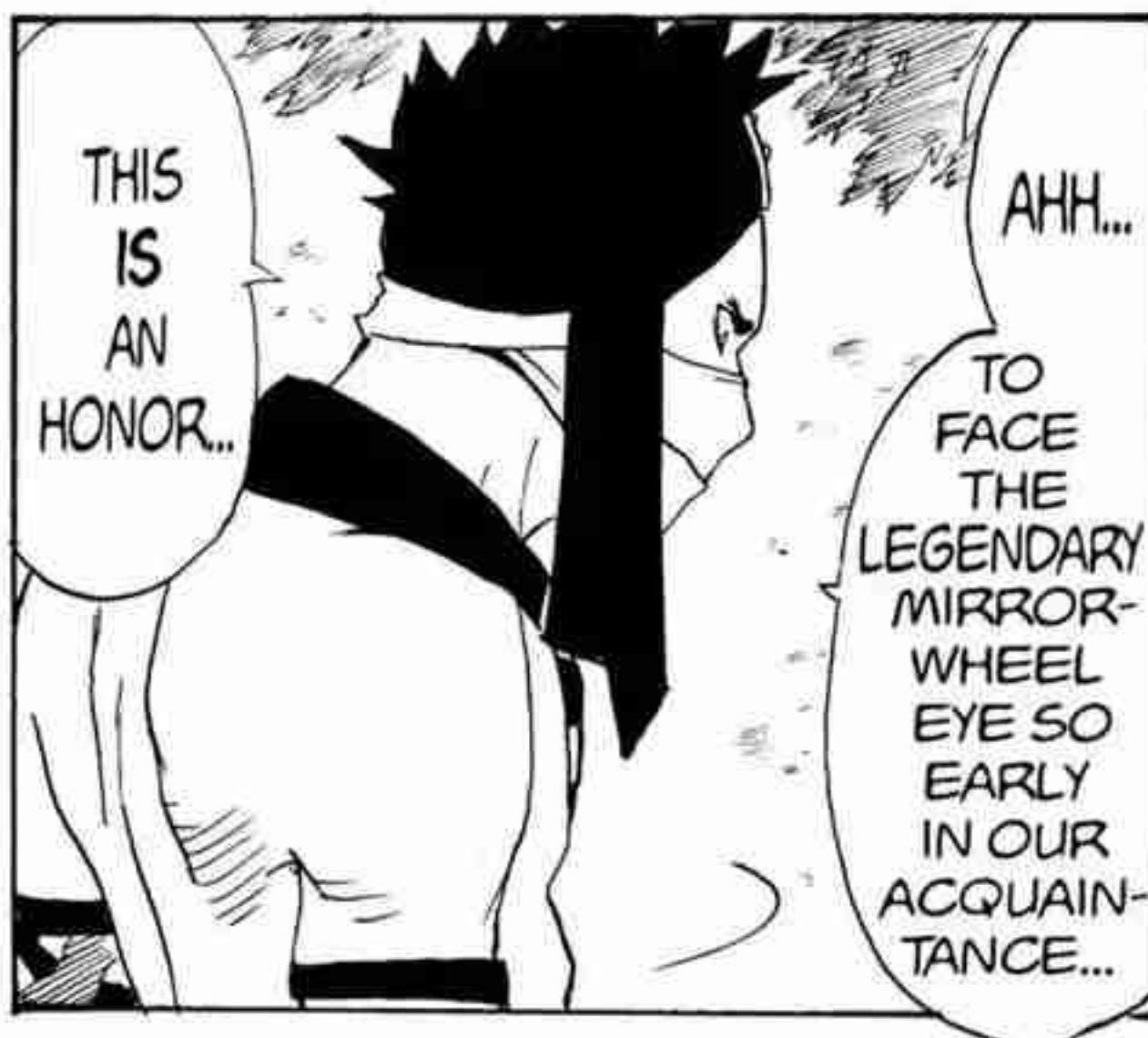
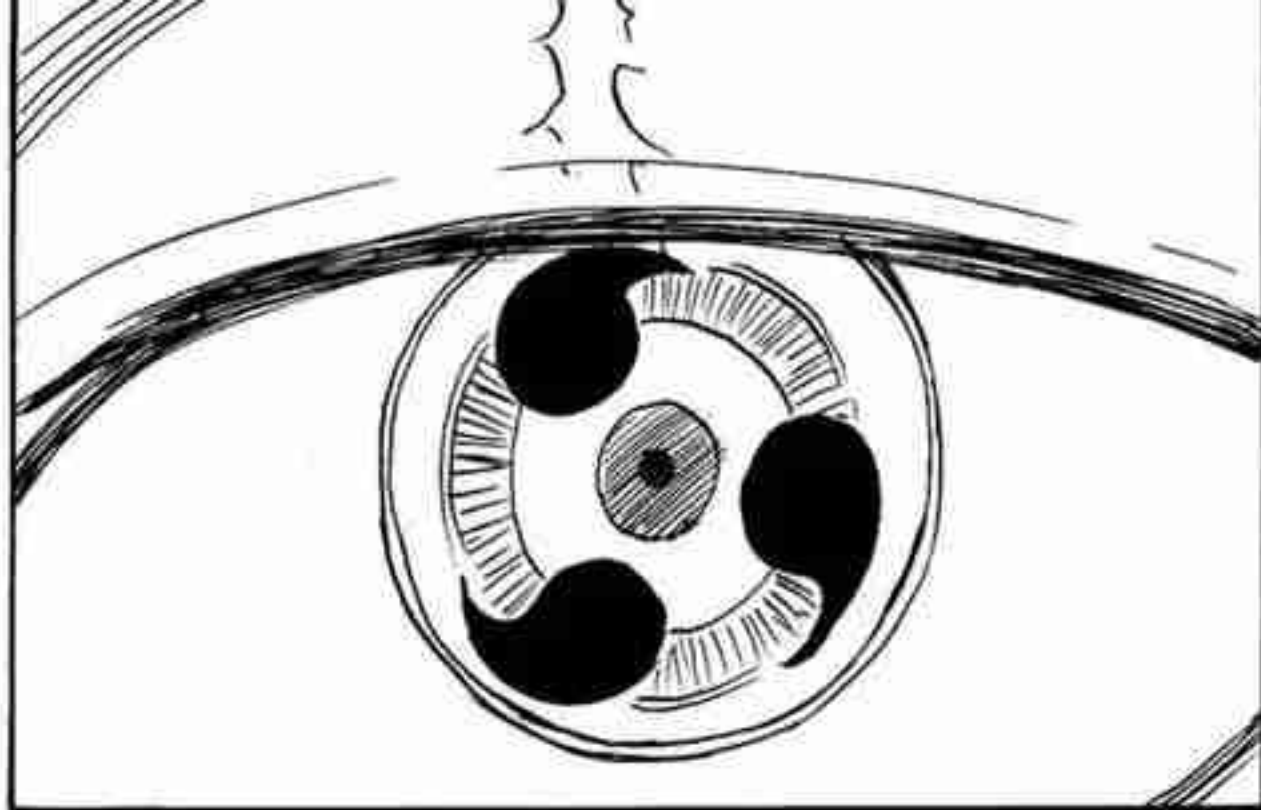


Number 12: Game Over^{!!!}













I POSSESSED THE USUAL BINGO BOOK - A KIND OF WHO'S WHO OF OUR ENEMIES.

IT HAD QUITE THE EXTENSIVE WRITE-UP ON YOU...

WHEN I WAS AN ASSASSIN FOR THE KIRIGAKURE...



HE AND OLD MAN HOKAGE ARE ONLY....

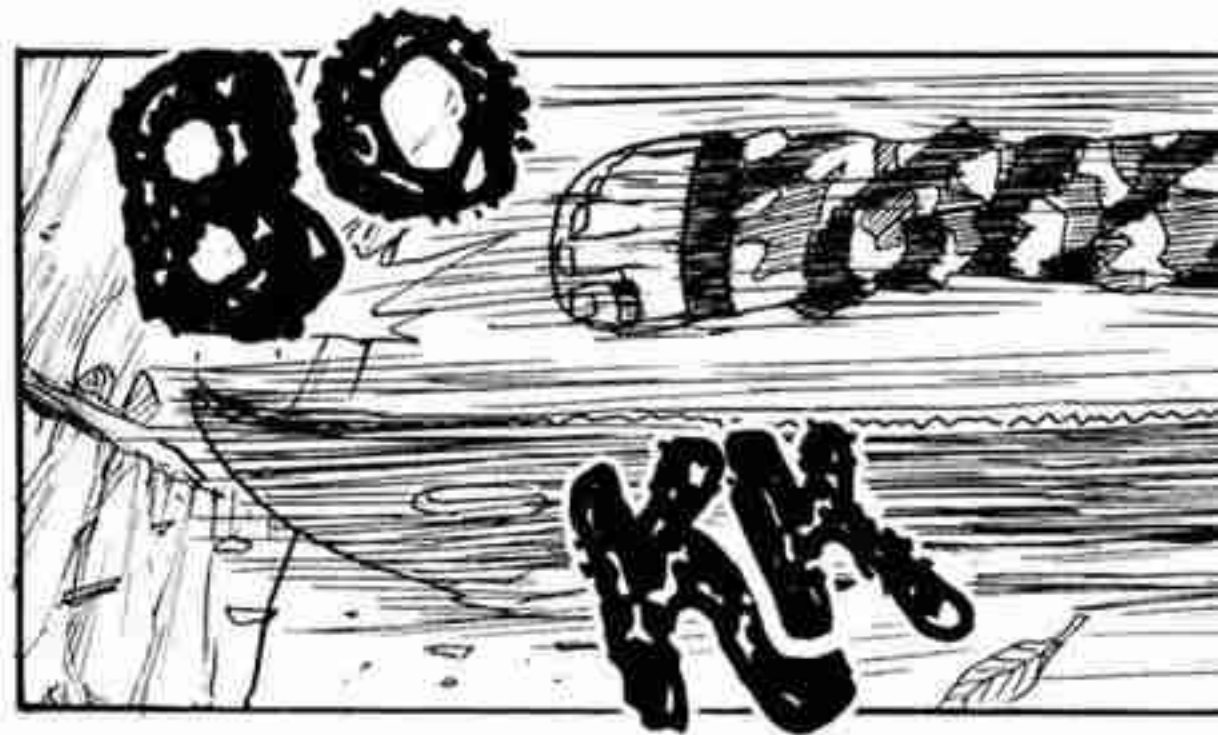
BUT HE'S... MASTER KAKASHI IS JUST....



...INCLUDING A MENTION OF YOUR IMPRESSIVE RECORD....

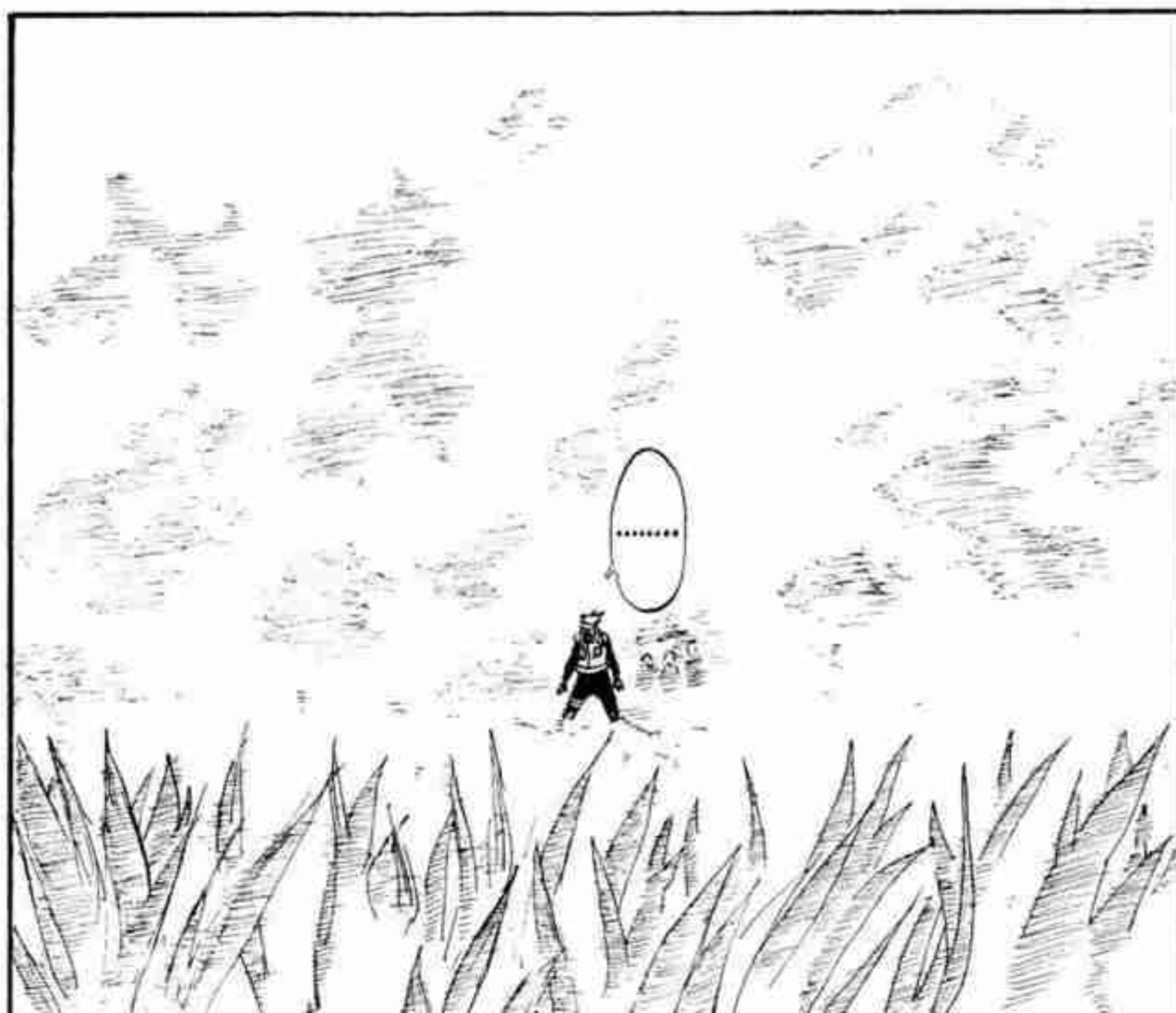
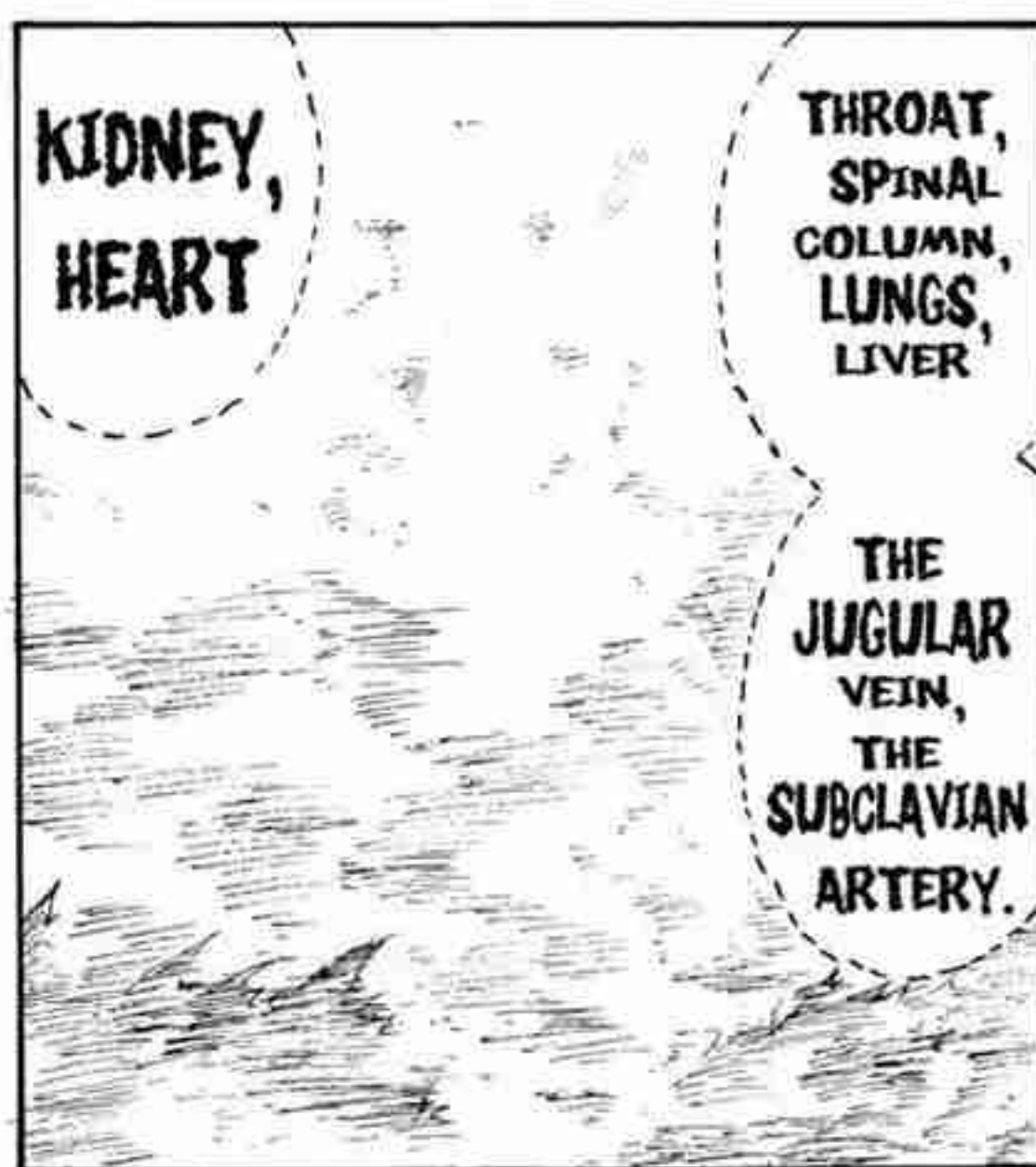
THE MAN WHO HAD PENETRATED AND COPIED OVER A THOUSAND DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES ... KAKASHI THE MIRROR NINJA.



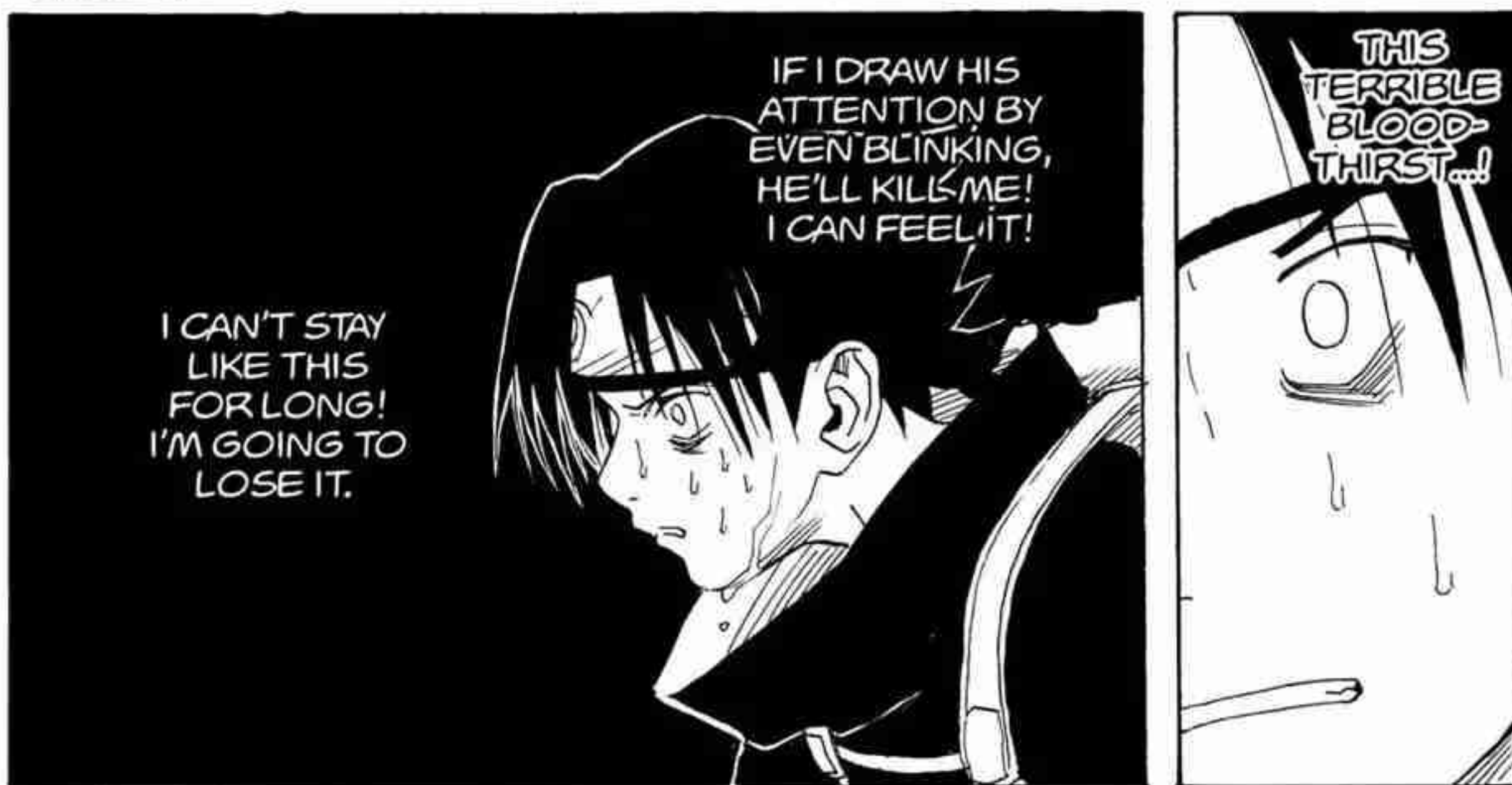


















SPLASH!!





EYAAAH!

A WATER DOPPELGÄNGER?!

HE WAS ABLE TO COPY ME...

IN THIS MIST?

DON'T MOVE...

SWUP





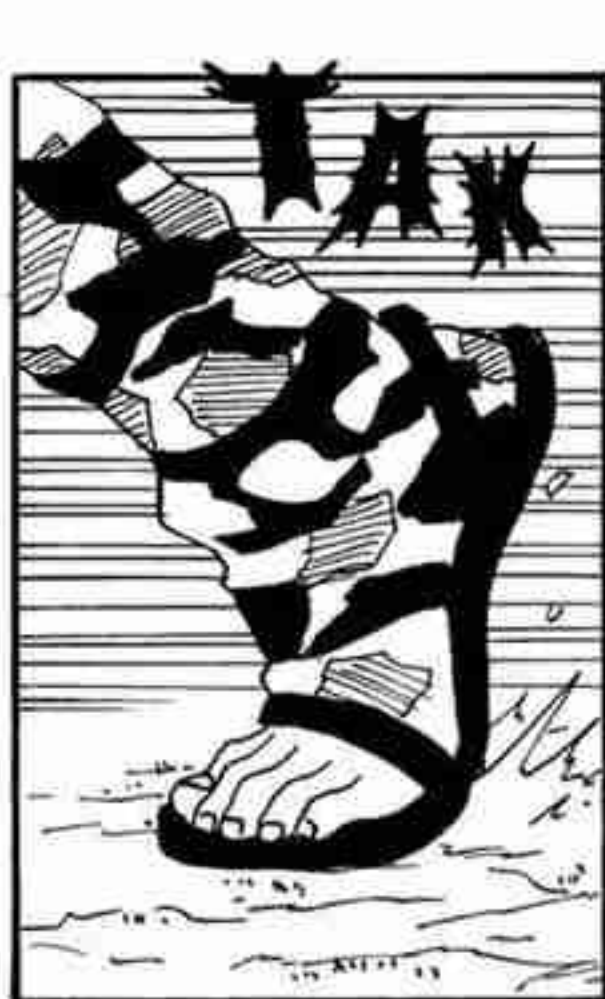


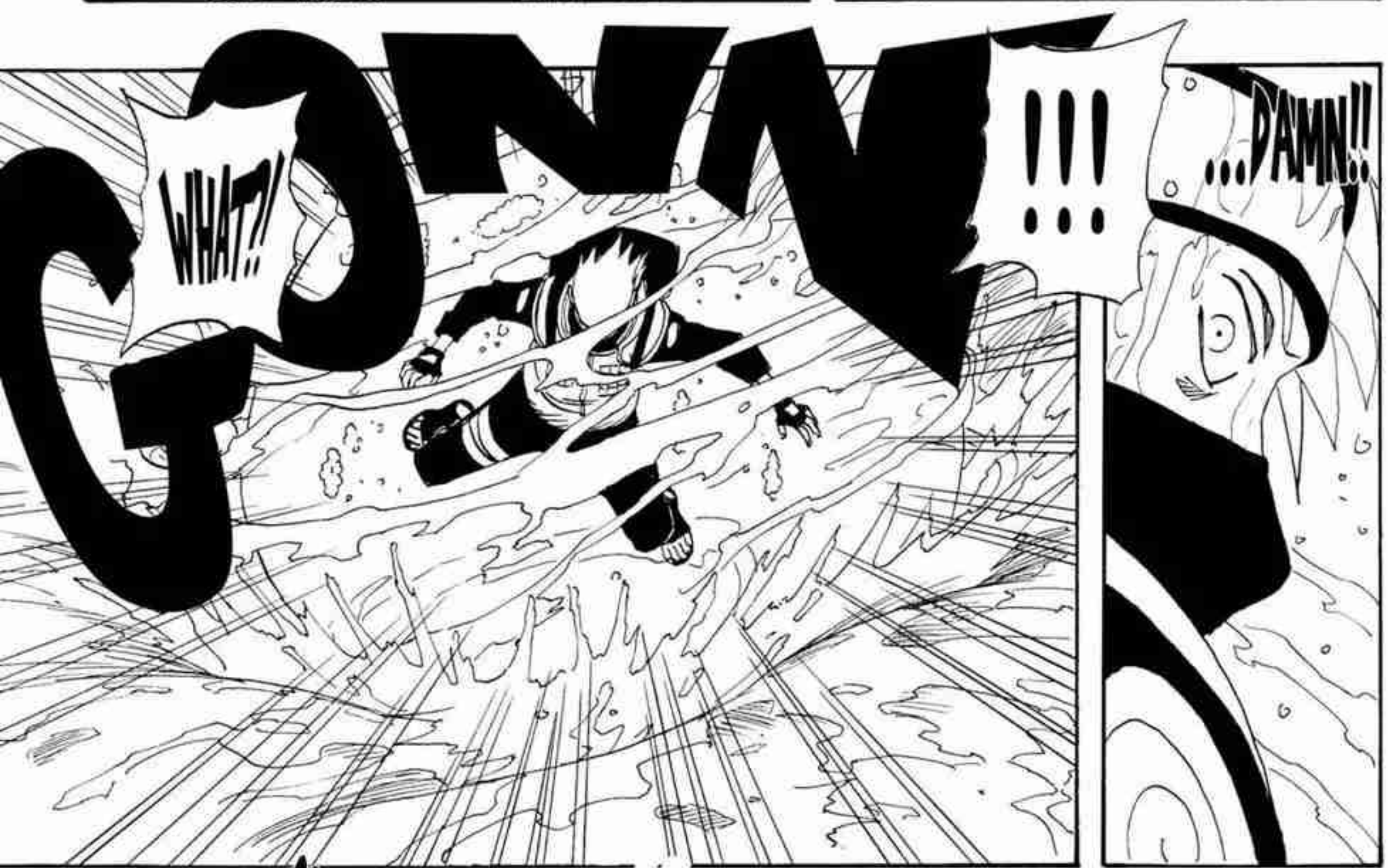
Number 13: Ninja!!!

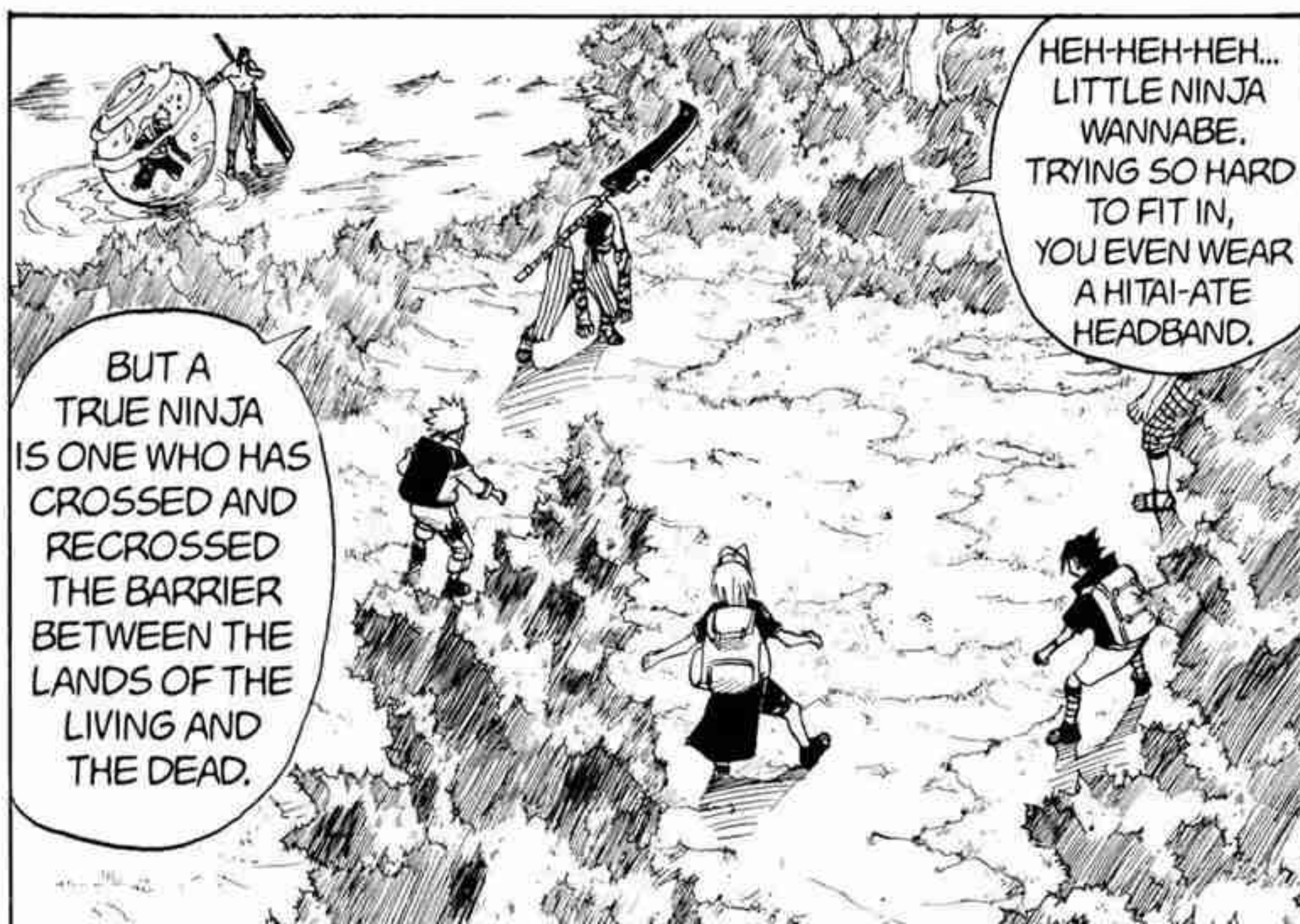
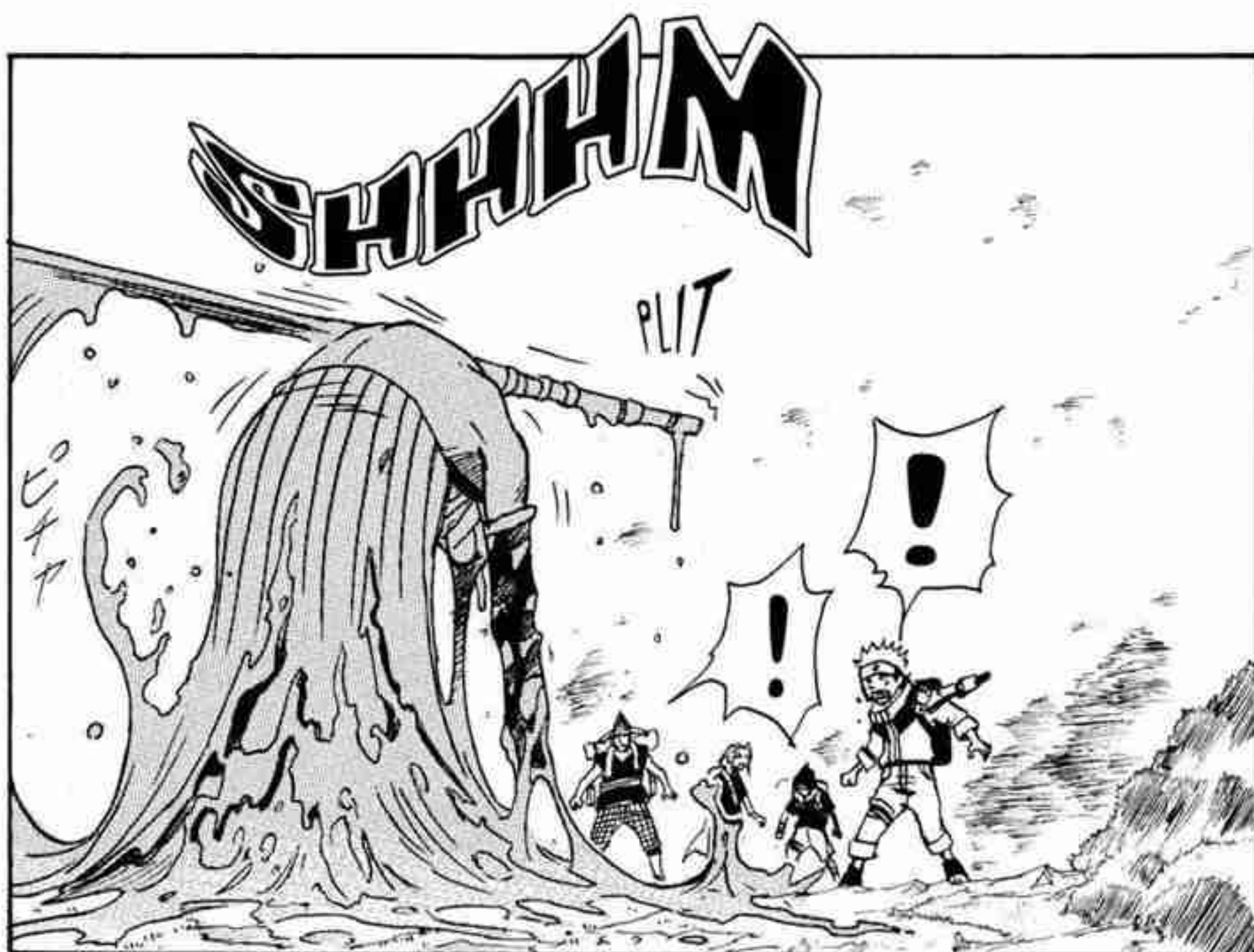












HE
VANISHED
AGAIN!

!!

WE DON'T
CALL YOUR
KIND
"NINJA."

WE
CALL
THEM...

...BEFORE
YOU
DESERVE
TO BE
CALLED
NINJA.

SHHH

CLOTHES
DON'T
MAKE A SHINOBI.
YOU NEED
SKILLS GOOD
ENOUGH TO
RATE A LISTING
IN MY BINGO
BOOK OF
ENEMIES...



NARUTO!!



TAK

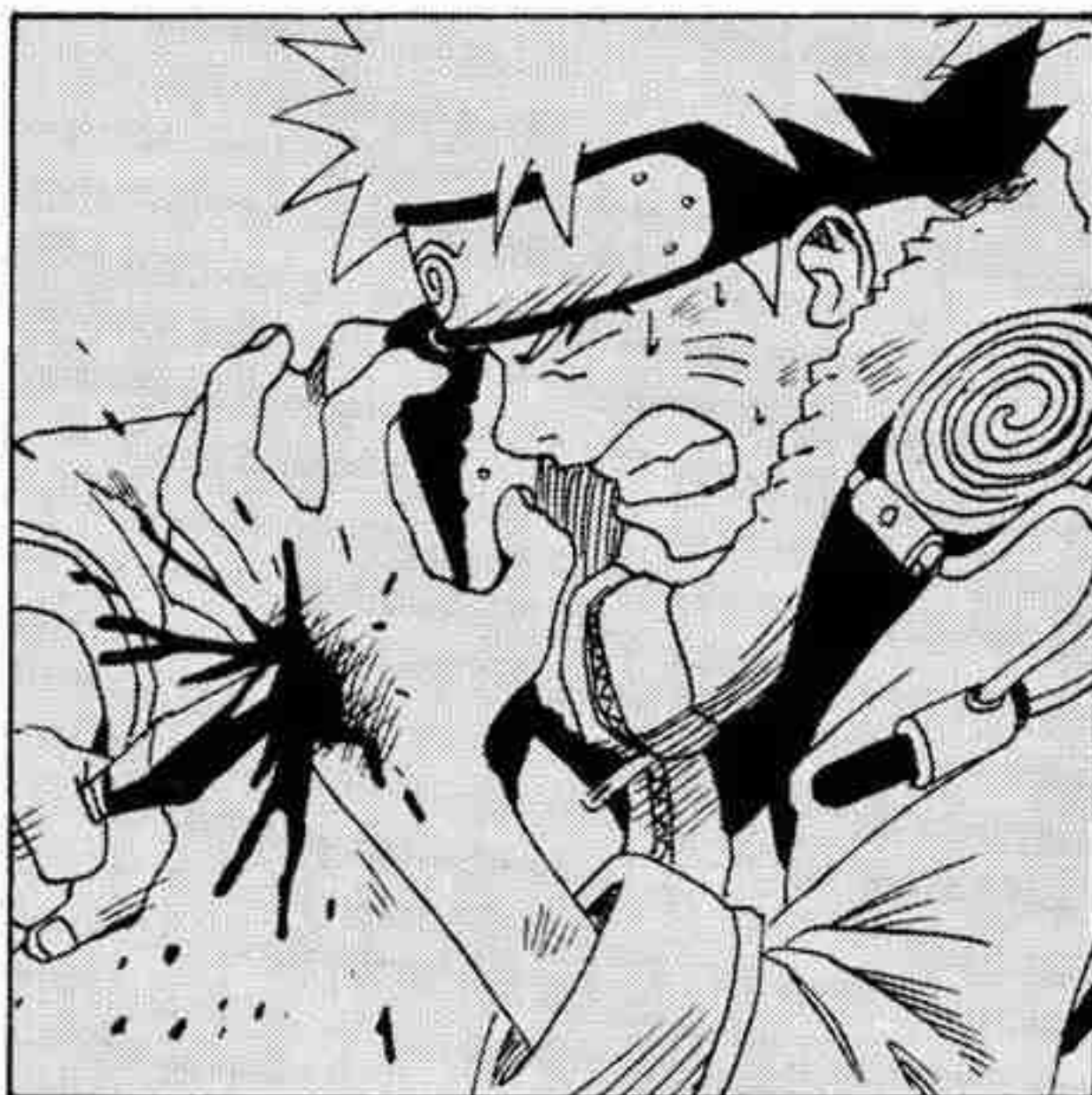


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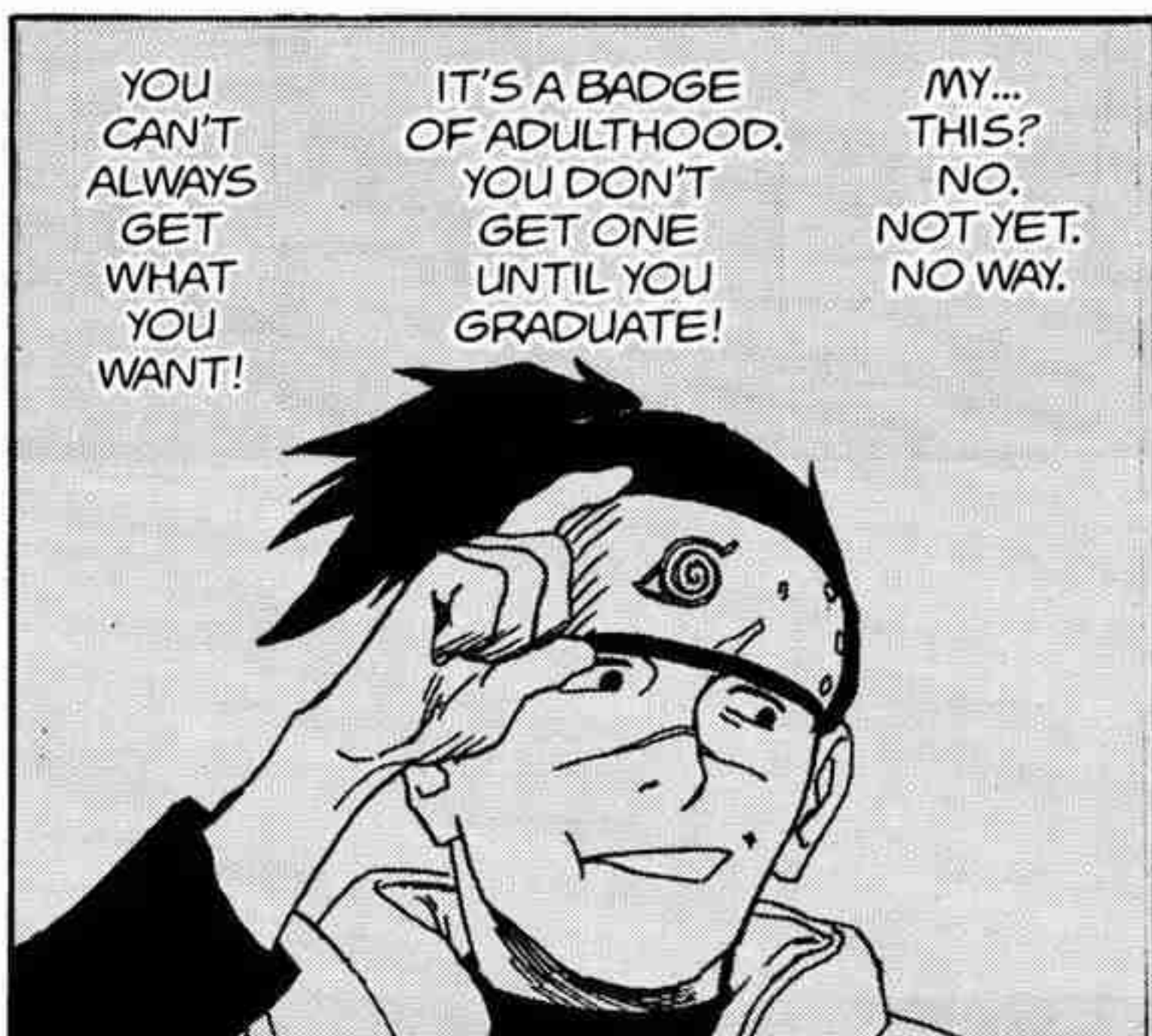


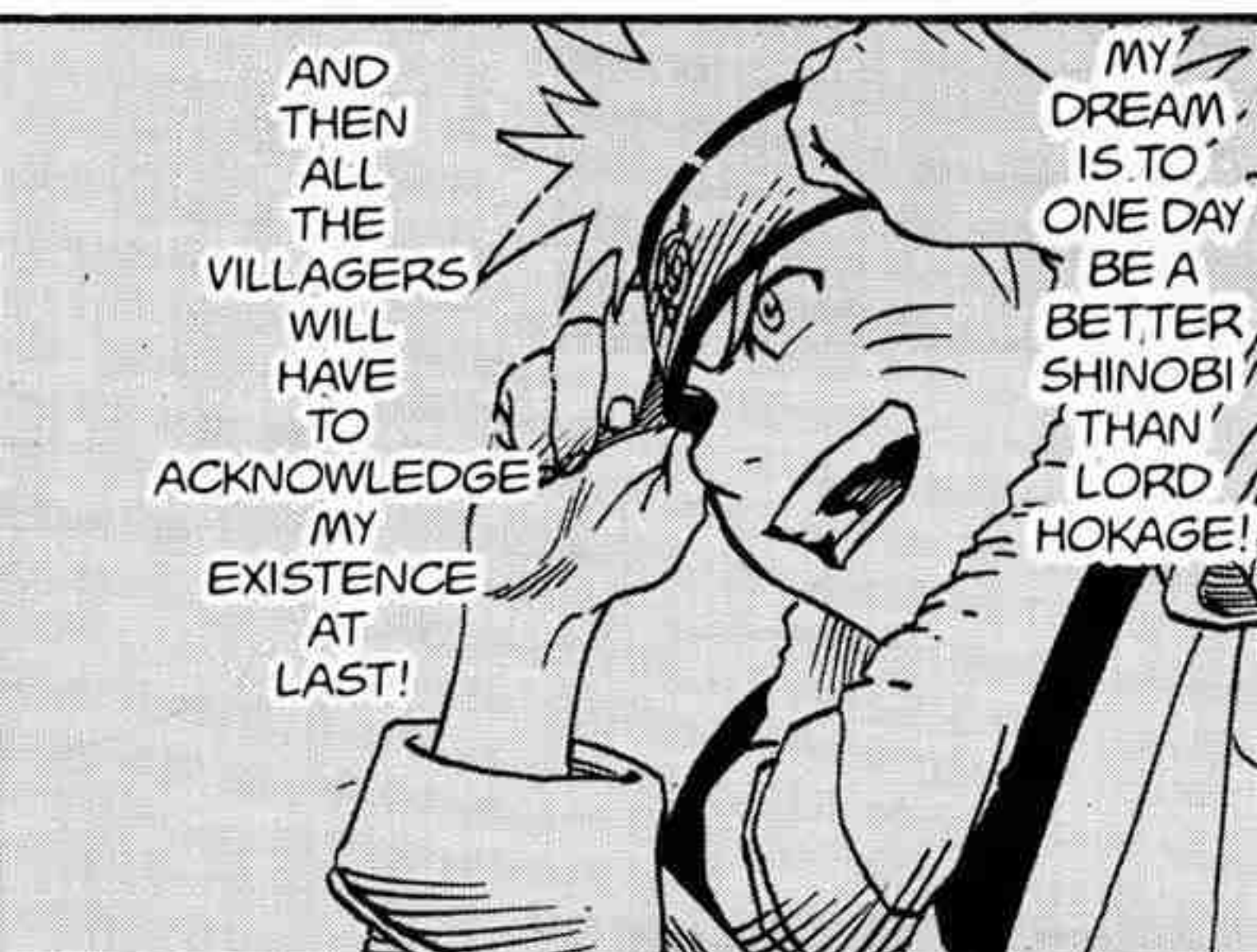
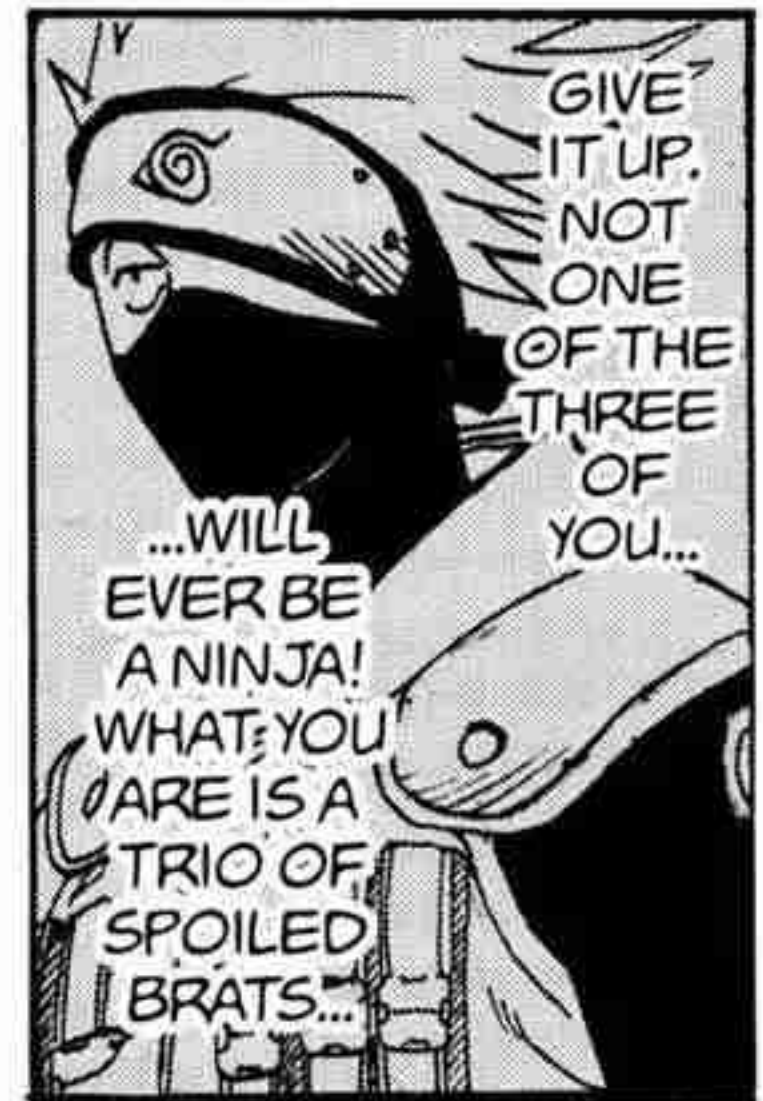
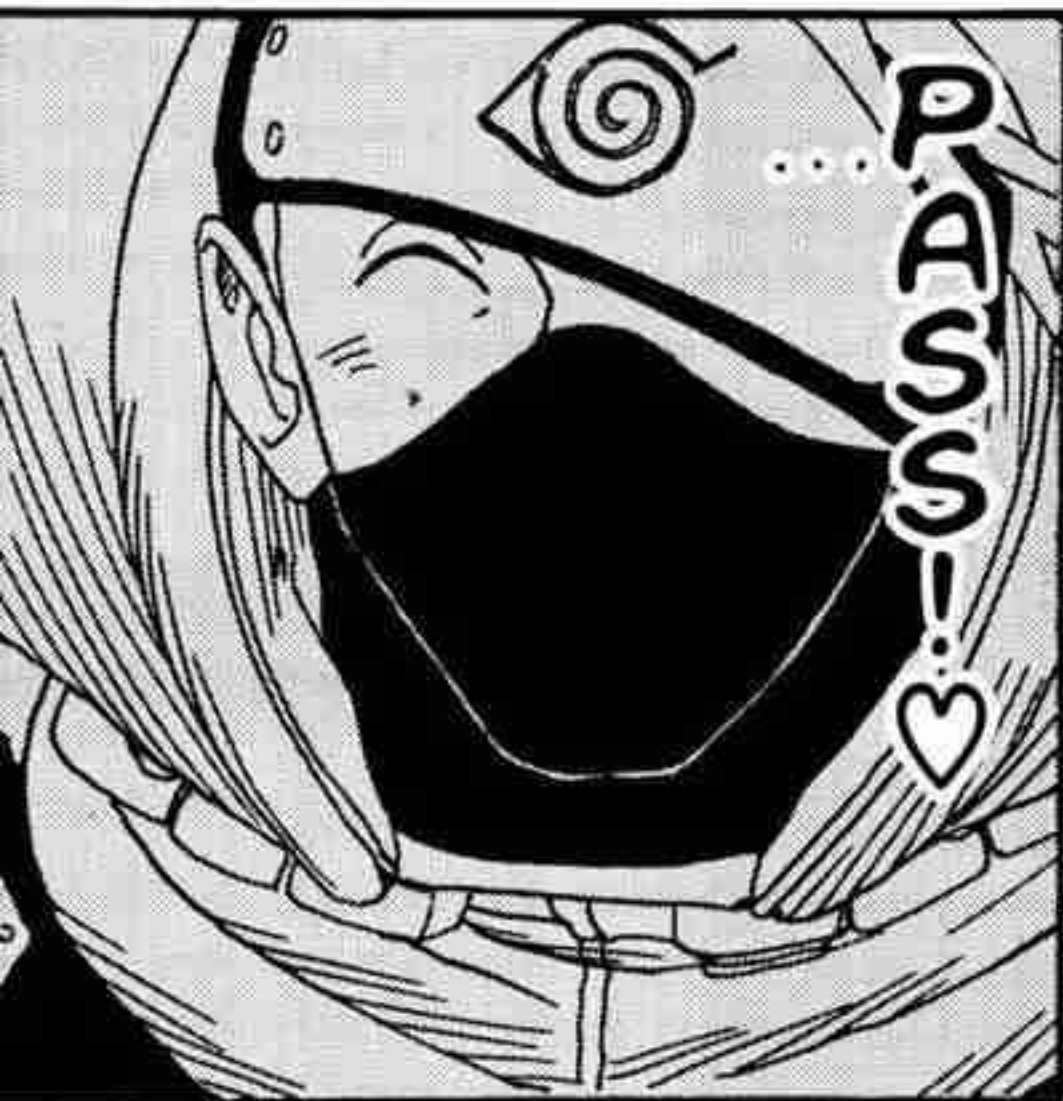
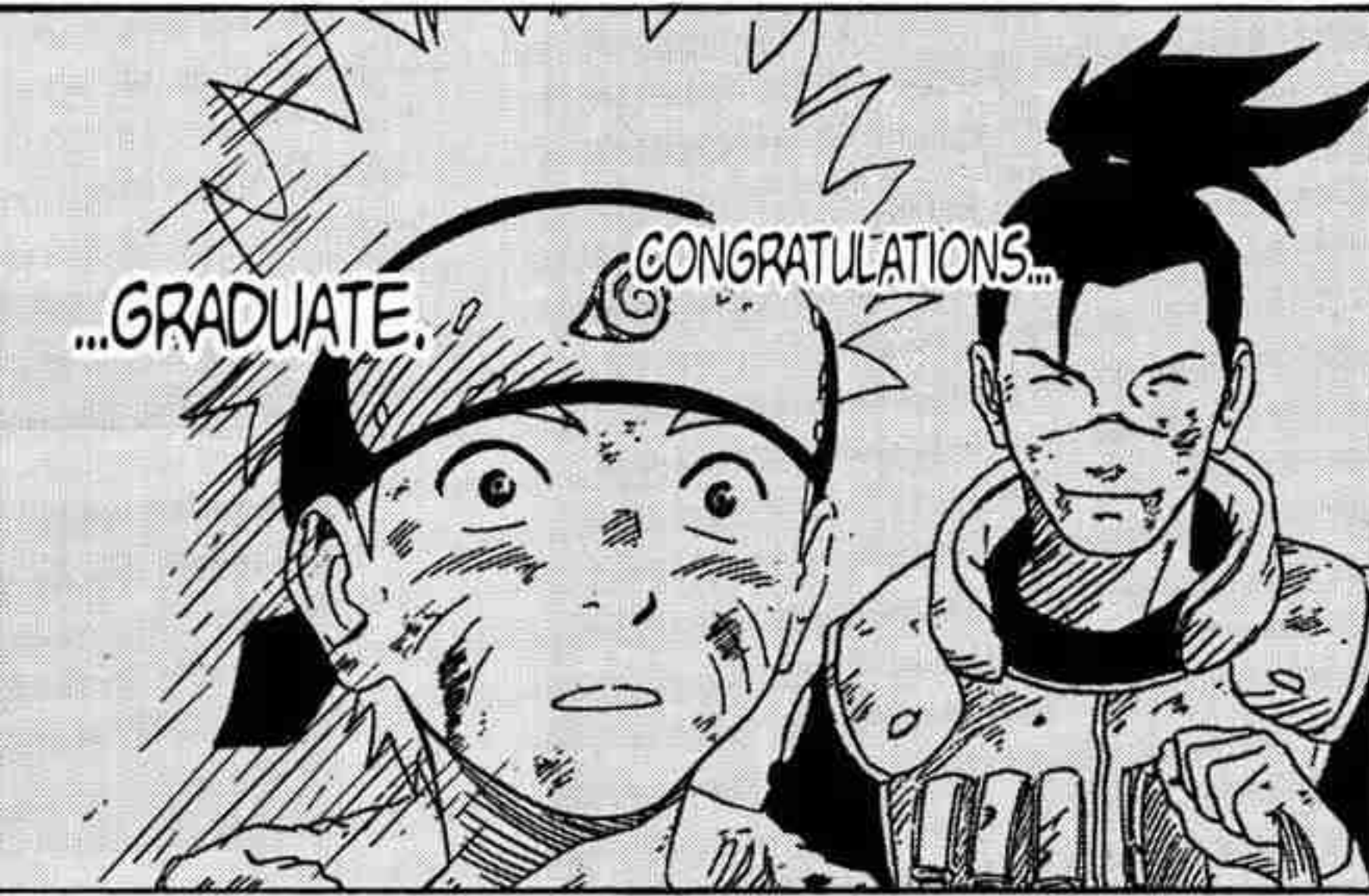
I
SWEAR
BY
THE
PAIN
IN
MY
LEFT
HAND....!



I'M
NOT
GOING
TO BE
THE
ONE
WHO
HANGS
BACK
OR
FREEZES
UP...













HAH...

HEY... YOU...
WHAT'S
LIFE
LIKE
WITHOUT
EYEBROWS,
FREAK?

HUFF!

PUFF!

A GUY
WHO IS
GOING
TO BE
THE NEXT
LORD
HOKAGE OF
KONOHAGAKURE
VILLAGE.

GOT
A NEW
LISTING
FOR
YOUR
BINGO
BOOK
RIGHT
HERE!!

PING



WAAH



KONOHASHCHOOL
NINJA!

UZUMAKI
NARUTO!



...WAS
JUST AN
INCONSEQUENTIAL
BRAT!
AT OUR
FIRST
MEETING,
I THOUGHT
THE LITTLE
FELLOW...



...NARUTO.



THIS
IS SO...
NARUTO
IS SO...

I
FEEL...
STRANGE.....



HMF...

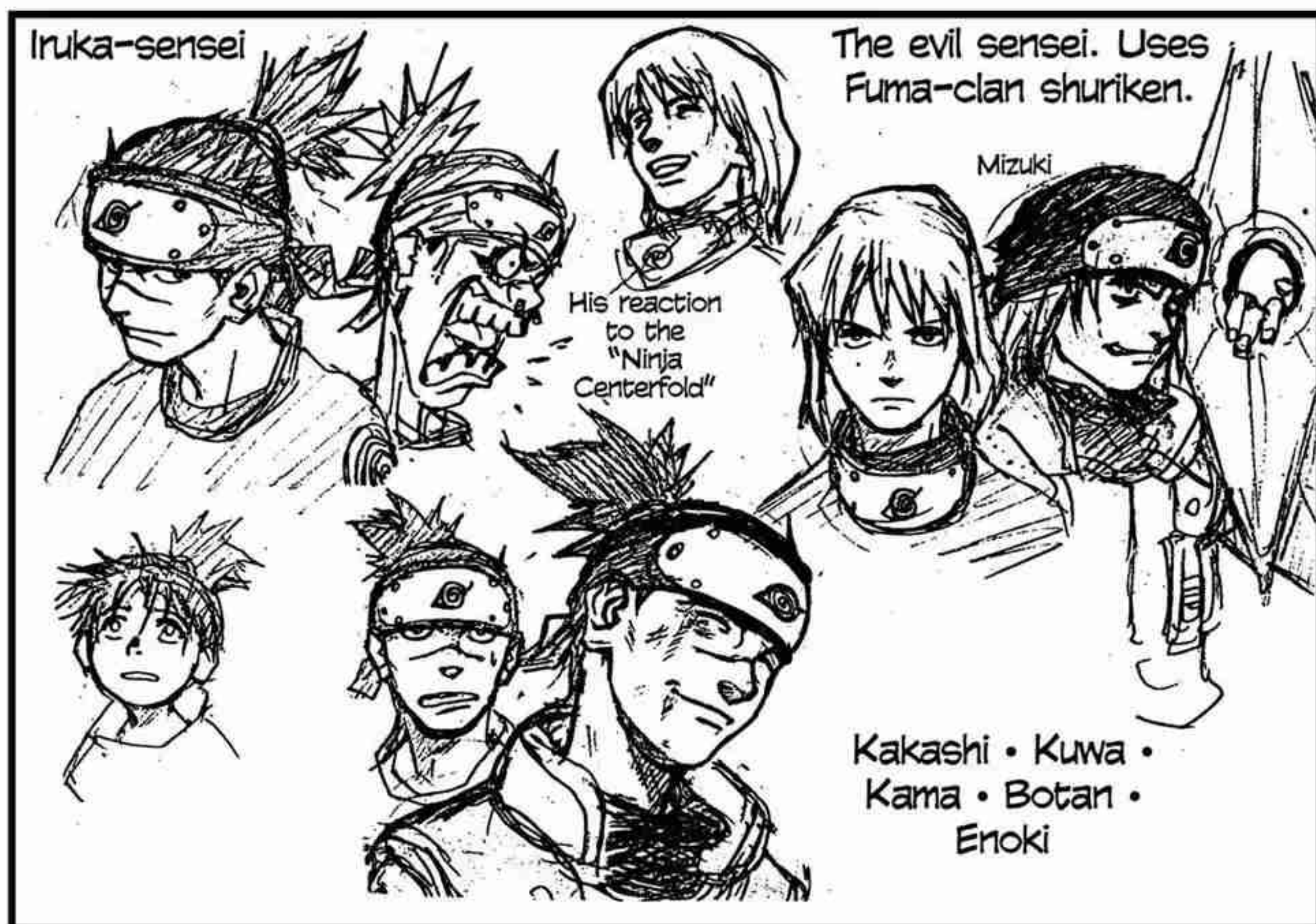
SO,
IT'S
TIME
FOR
SOME
TEAM-
WORK?

NOW
HE
HAS
A
PLAN?



LET'S
GET
BUSY!

OK



IRUKA & MIZUKI

These were my first sketches of Iruka and Mizuki (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). In the final version, Mizuki's bangs are parted in the center, but otherwise he's pretty much the same. Iruka used to have a more evil look around his eyes, and sharper cheekbones, but I made him more relaxed and younger-looking.

One more thing. When I was originally planning who Iruka and Mizuki's teacher was going to be, I decided on the next teacher's name at the same time. If you look in the bottom right corner, you can see some of the names I considered: *Kakashi* ("scarecrow"), *Kuwa* ("hoe"), *Kama* ("scythe"), *Botan* ("peony" or "button") and *Enoki* (a Chinese nettle tree). Looking back at it, though, I'm really glad I used "Kakashi."



...TO
ROCK
N'
ROLL!...

TIME
FOR
US...

Number 14: The Secret Plan



...DO
YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
STAND
A CHANCE
AGAINST
ME?

HEH
HEH...
YOU'RE
VERY
SURE OF
YOURSELF.
BUT...



YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR DUTY. KEEP THAT IN MIND.

WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT MR. TAZUNA!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? I TOLD YOU TO RUN.

IT'S OVER... IT WAS OVER THE SECOND HE CAUGHT ME!



DARN IT! o



WHAT?

...



GRAMPS...?



...GIVE THIS FIGHT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.

SO YOU GO AHEAD...



I'VE HAD A REAL LONG LIFE, AND IT WOULD BE WRONG TO LET YOU FOUR KIDS GET YOURSELVES KILLED TRYING TO SAVE ME.

LET'S FACE FACTS. THE TRUTH IS, I GOT US INTO THIS MESS BY LYING...









IT'S A
KIND
OF
"KILLING
SPREE"...
AMONG
CLASSMATES.



SAY
WHAT...?



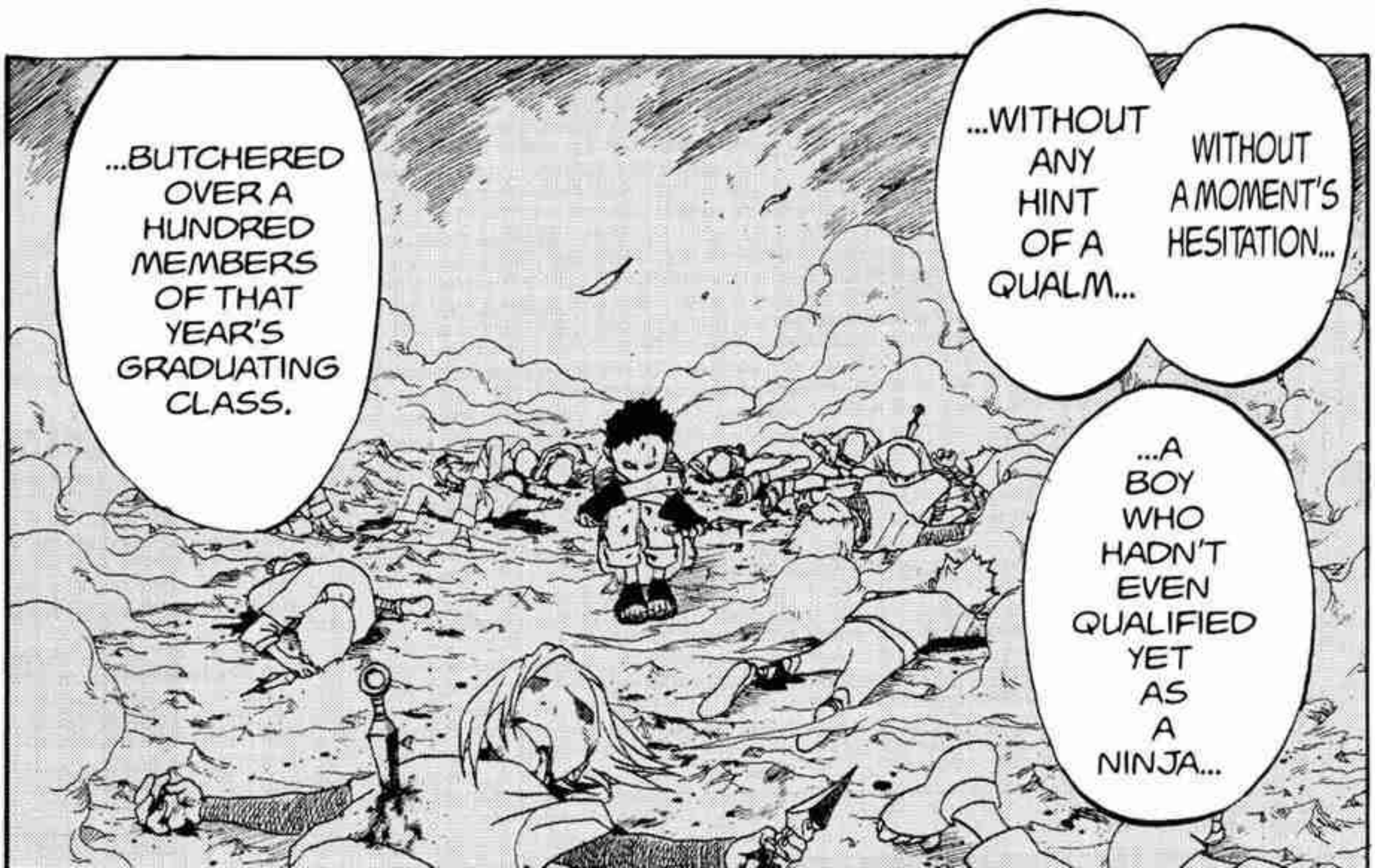
THAT'S
TERRIBLE... ...



THINK OF IT.
COMRADES WHO
HAD TRAINED
TOGETHER,
LIVED TOGETHER,
SHARED EACH
OTHER'S
EVERY HOPE
AND DREAM....

STUDENTS WHO'D
BEEN FRIENDS,
EATING FROM
THE SAME DISH,
AS UNDERGRADS
WERE DIVIDED
INTO PAIRS WHO
WERE FORCED
TO FIGHT AGAINST
EACH OTHER..

TO
THE
DEATH.

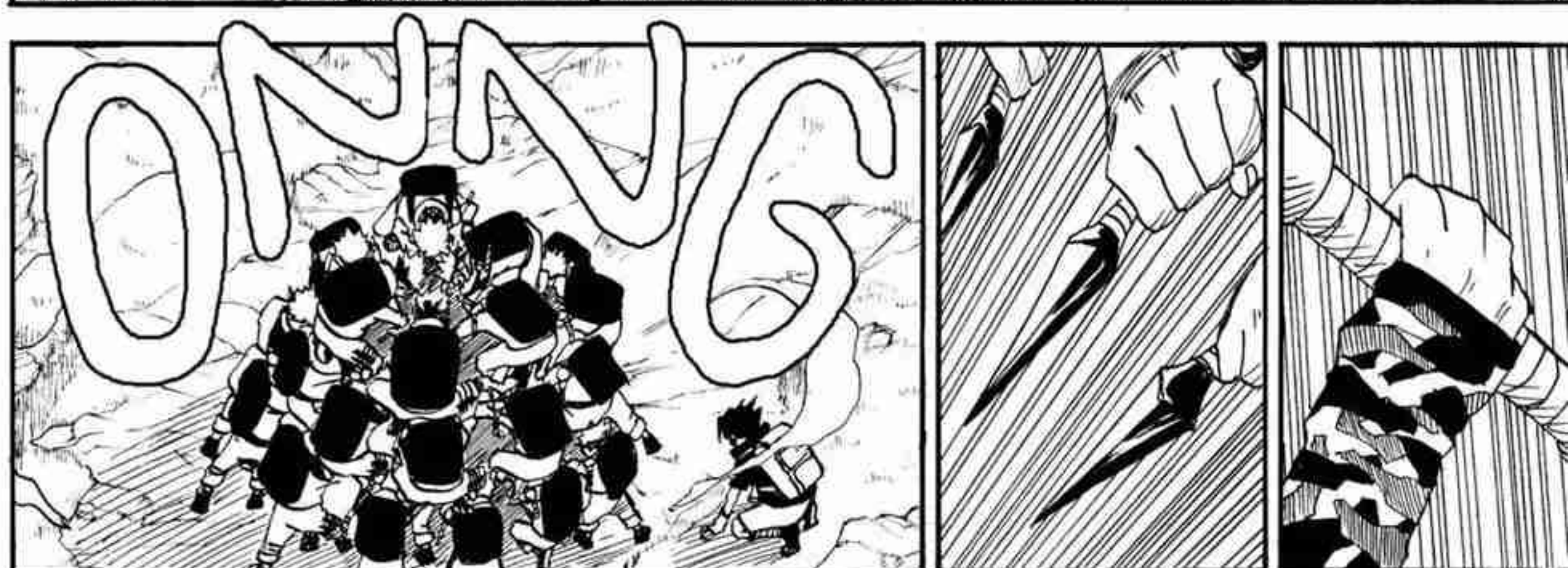














THIS IS THE LAST THING LEFT THAT MIGHT WORK...



...THEY DID STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT MONSTER...

INCREDIBLE! JUST WHEN I THOUGHT...

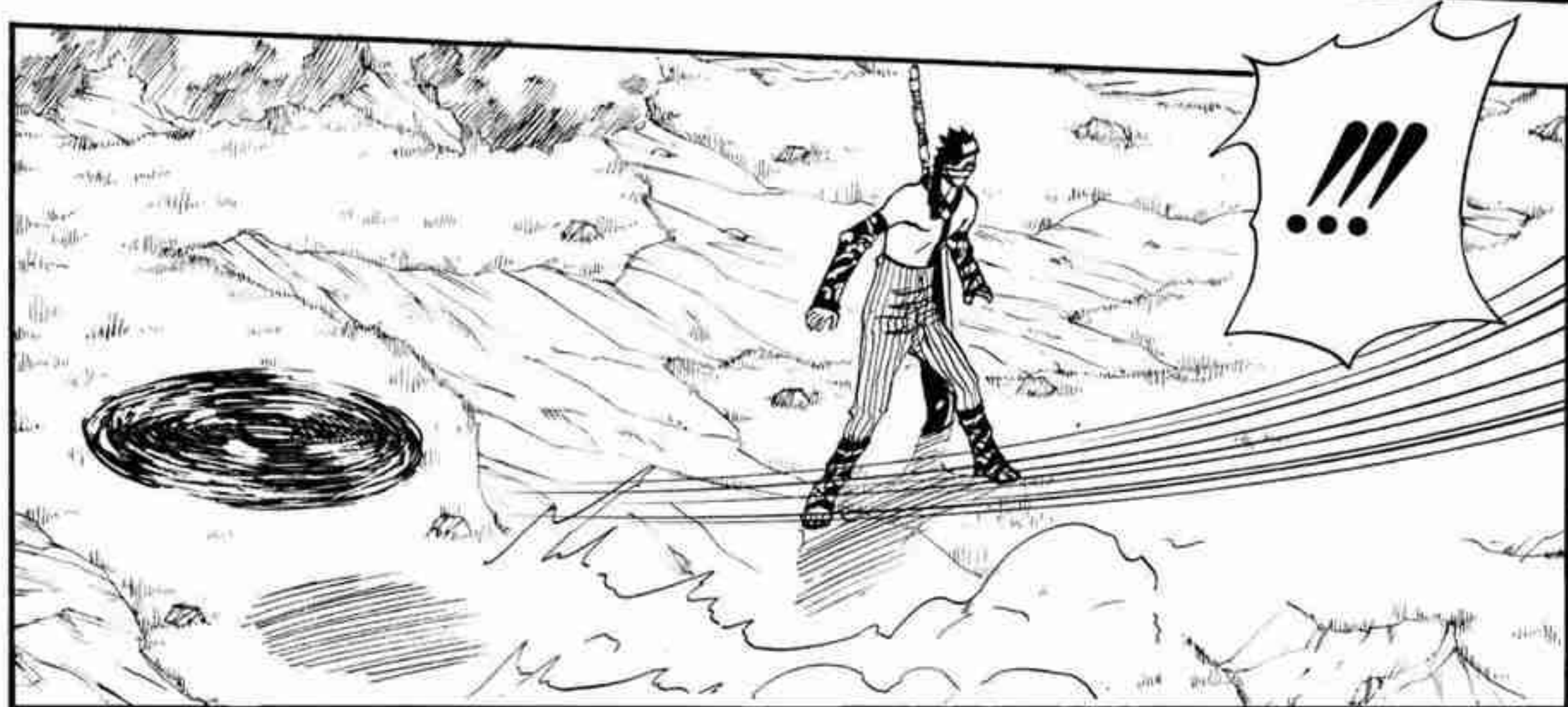


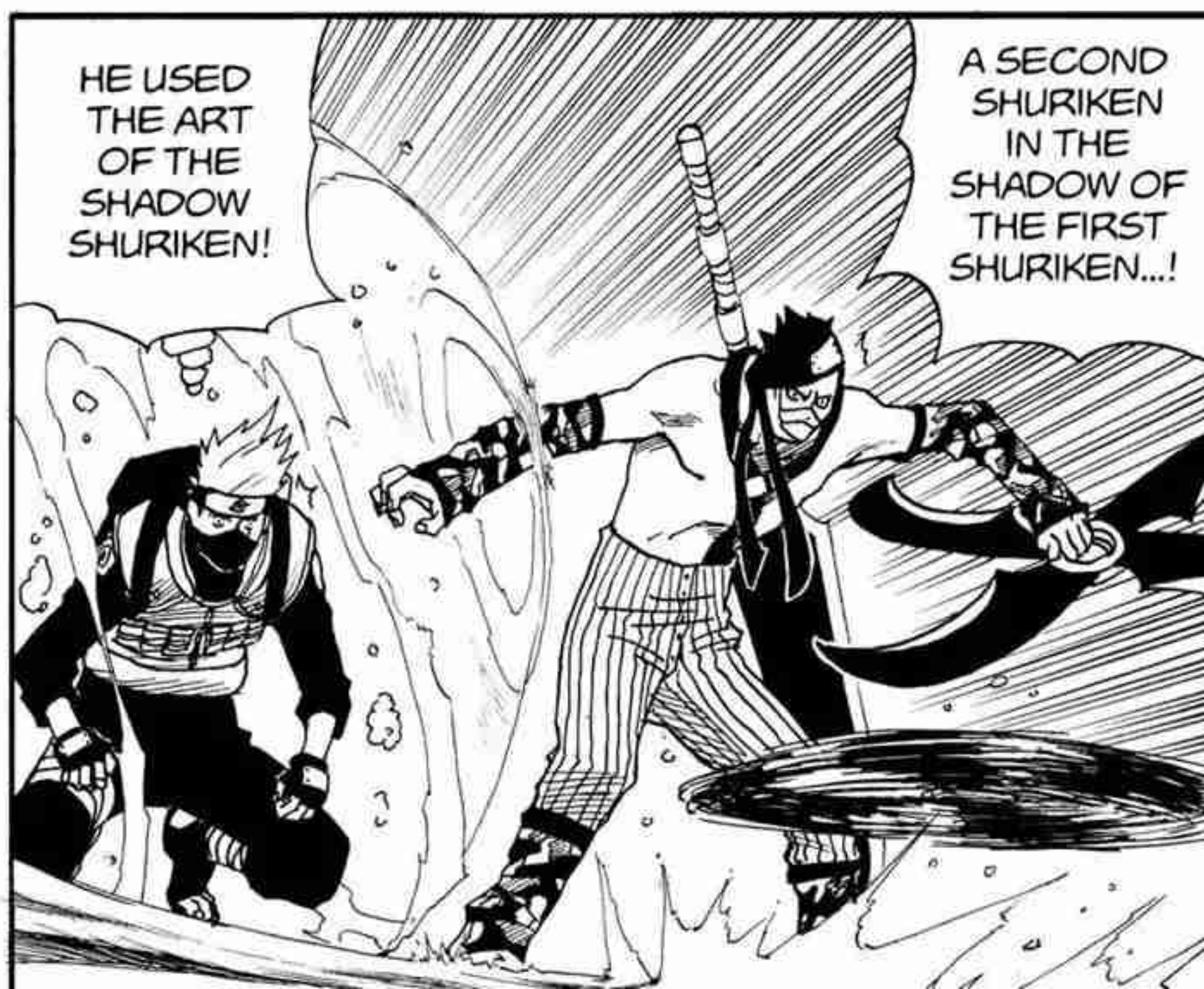
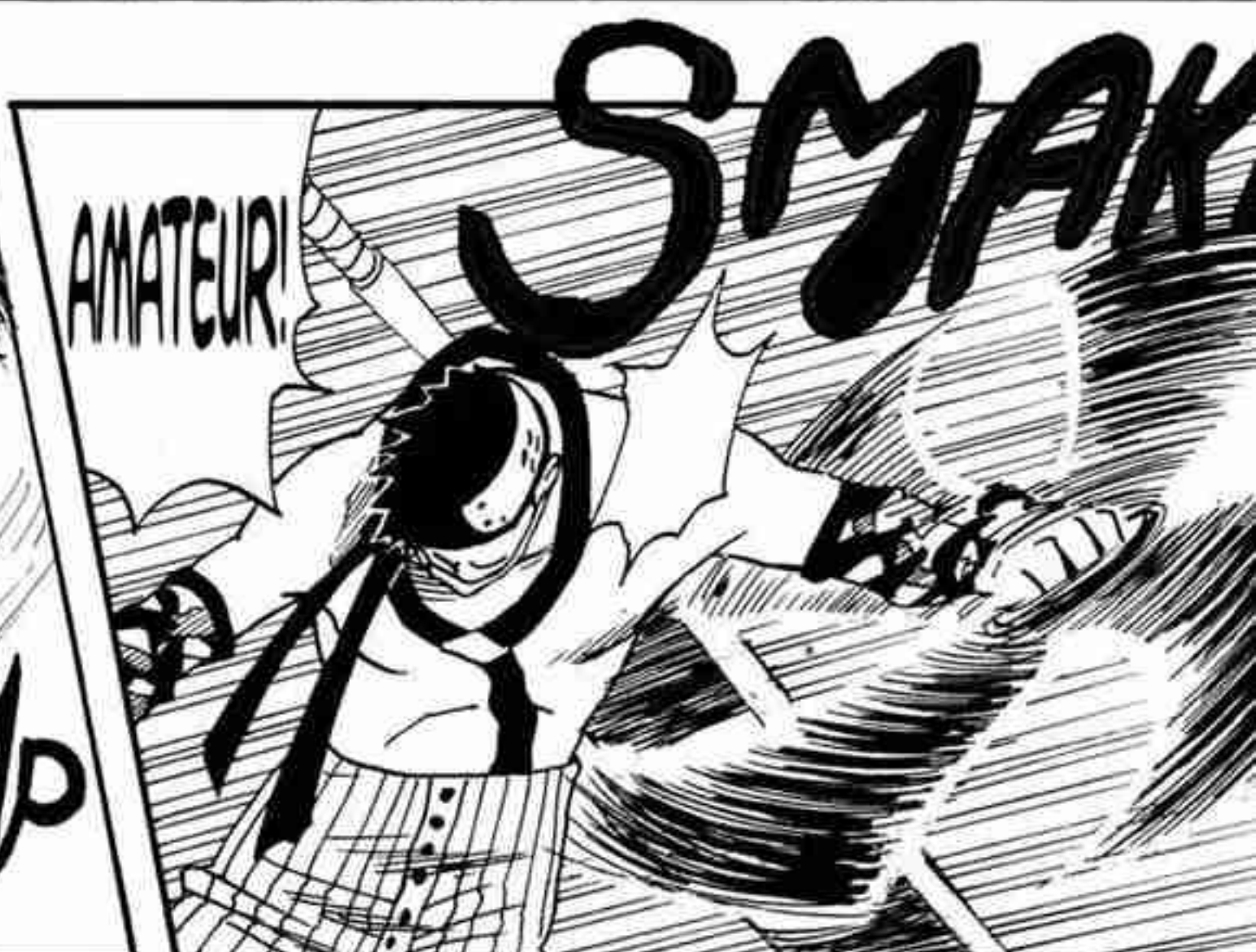
EXCELLENT. LOTS BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.

SO THAT'S WHAT NARUTO'S GOT IN MIND...



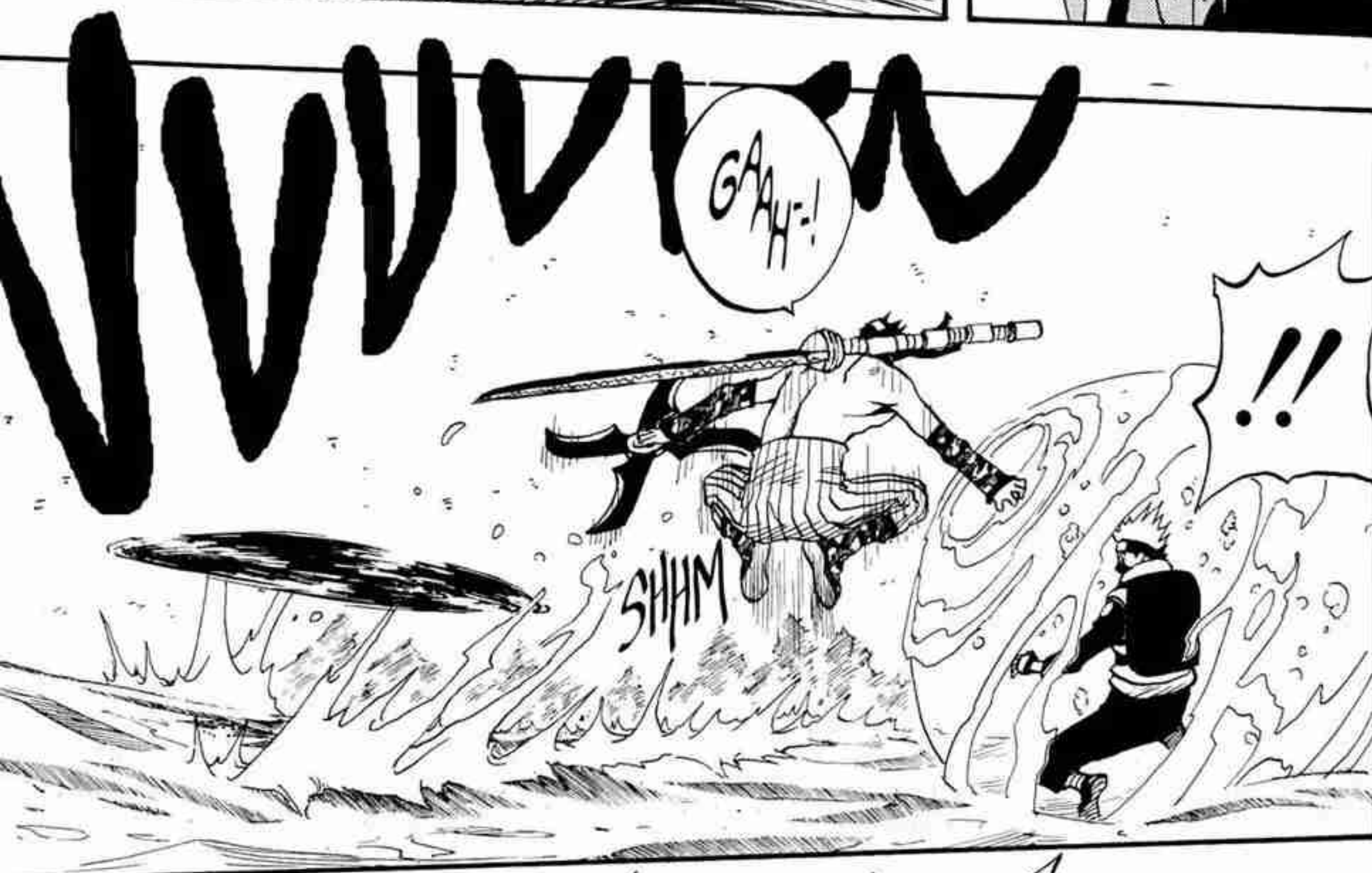








THERE WAS
A SECOND
SHURIKEN IN
HIS BLIND
SPOT...?!



HE
DODGED
IT!!!



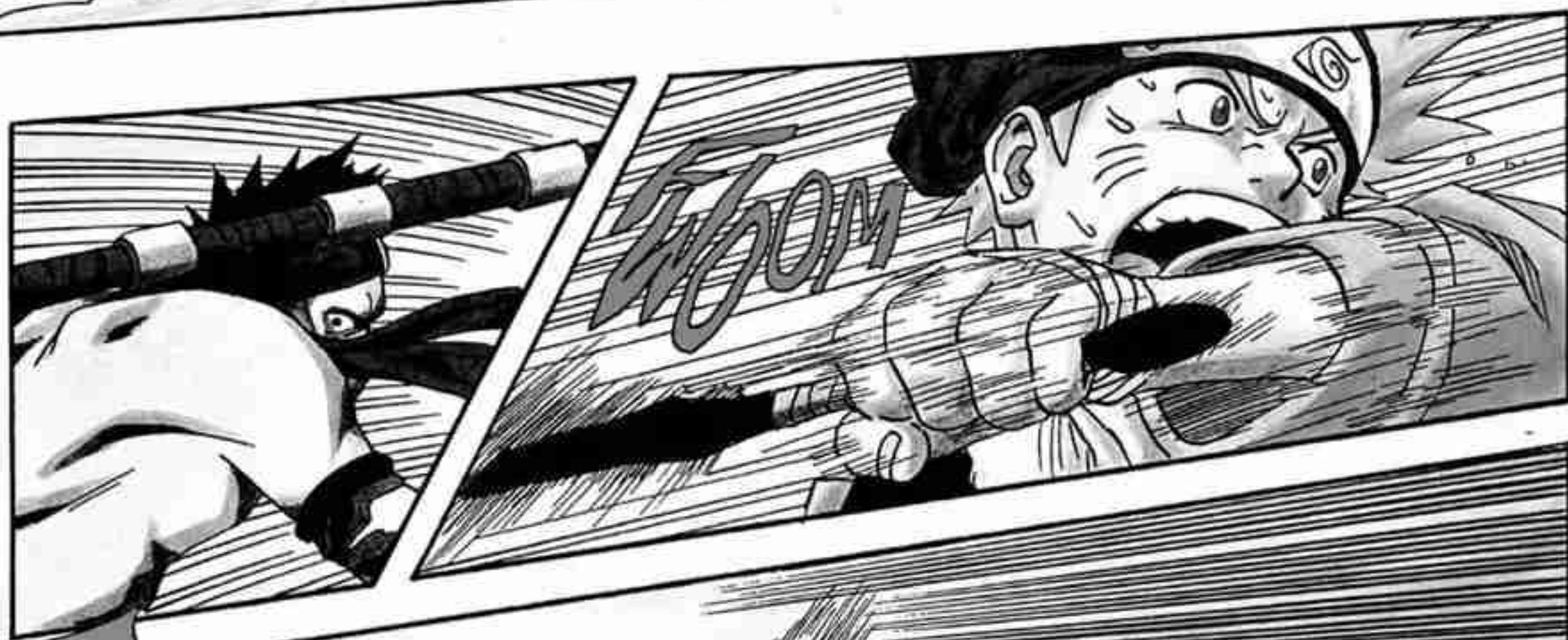
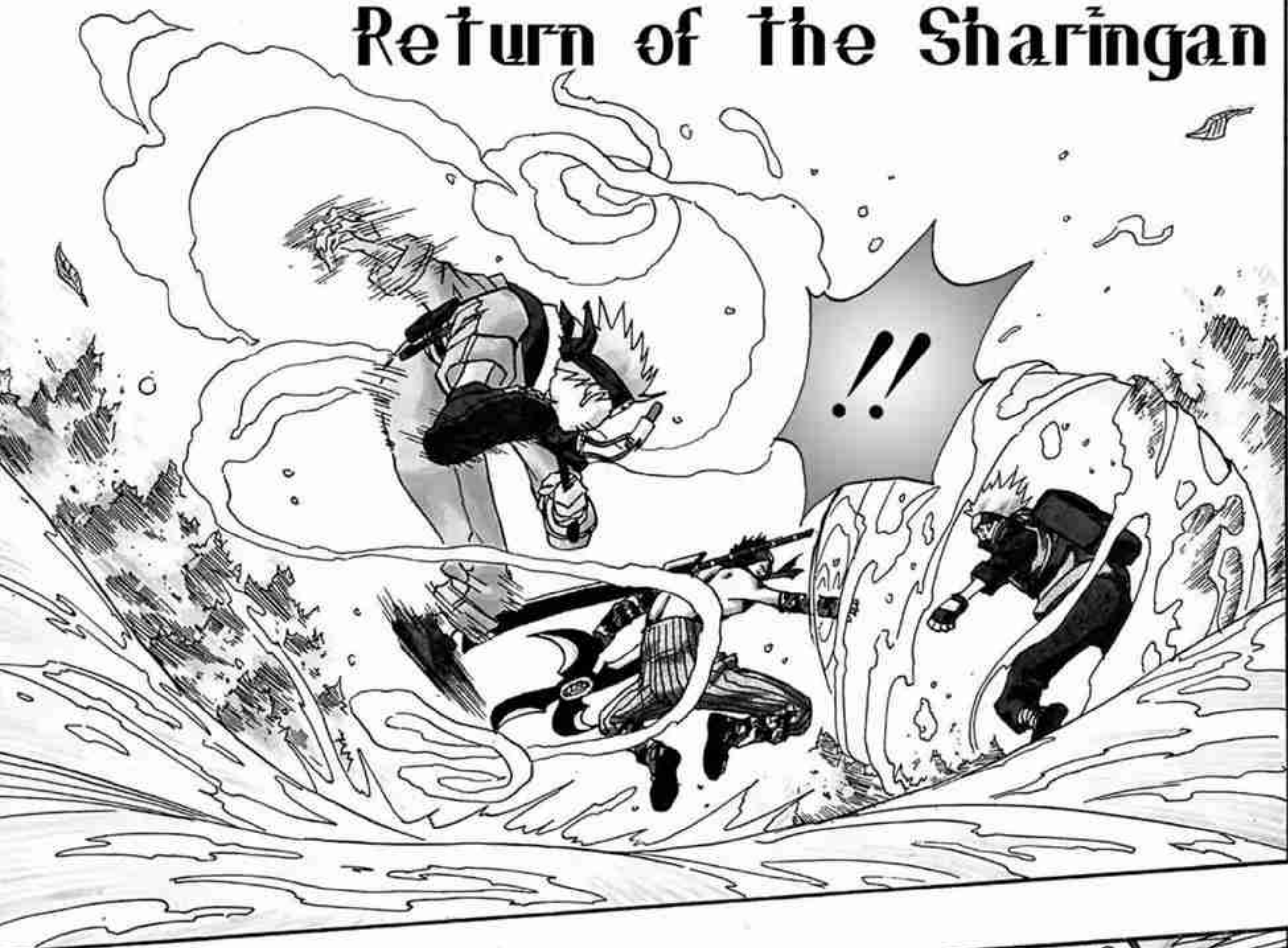
STILL
AN
AMATEUR!







 Number 15:
Return of the Sharingan



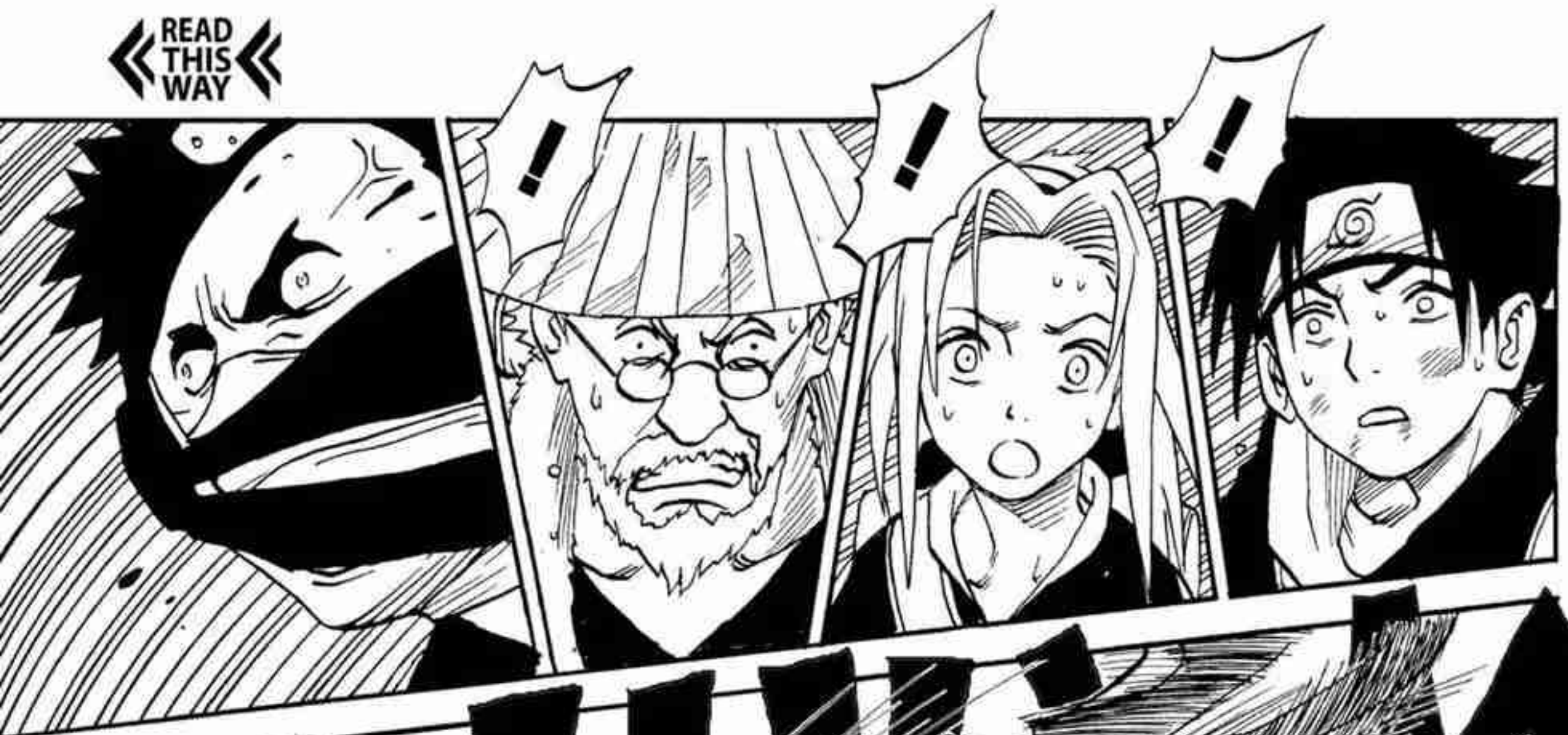


Number 15:

Return of the Sharingan











...NARUTO...
YOUR
SCHEME
WAS
BRILLIANT...



M-MASTER
KAKASHI!!!!

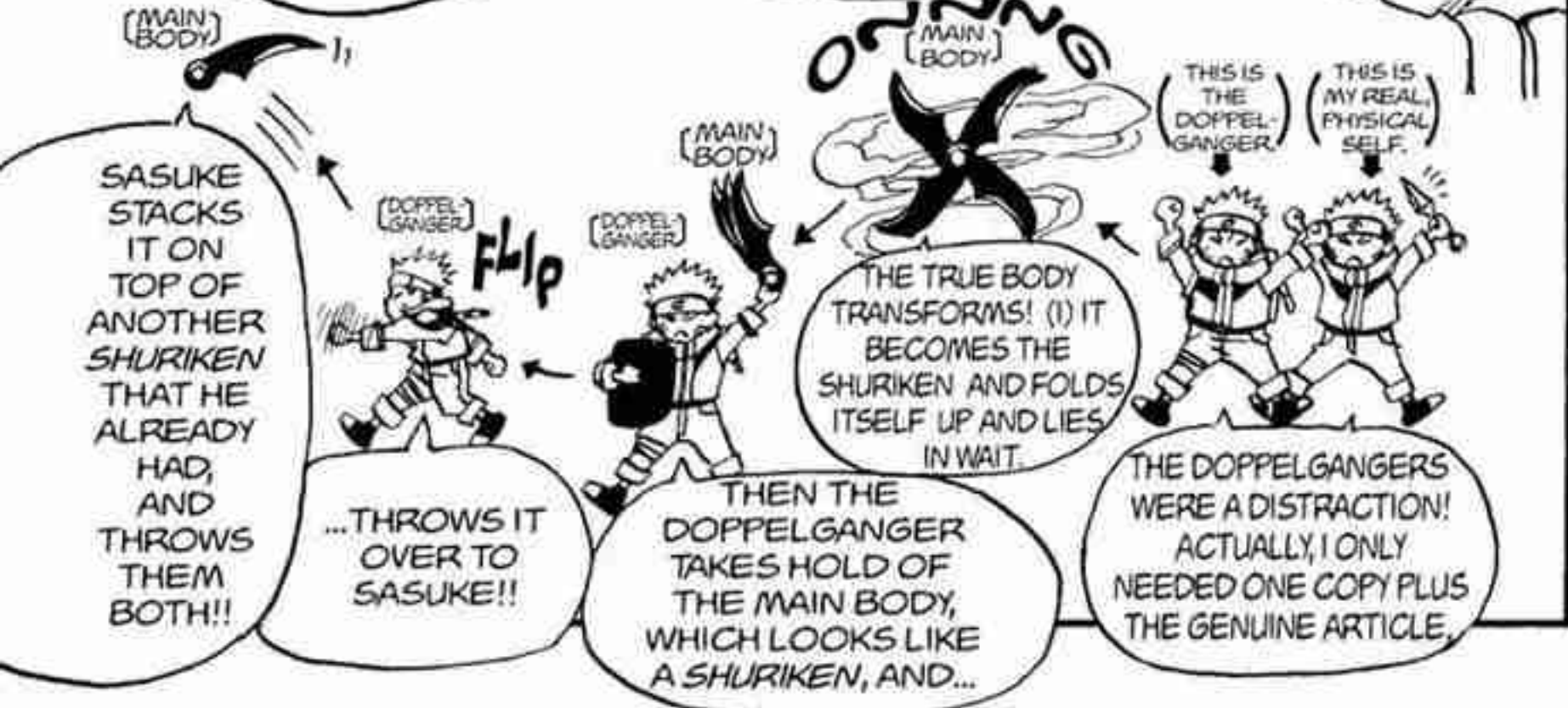


KOFF
KOFF

SPLASH

OF COURSE, I DIDN'T THINK THAT FORM ALONE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO PERMIT ME TO DEFEAT HIM, BUT I WAS AT LEAST ABLE TO FREE YOU FROM HIS WATER PRISON.

THE DOPPELGANGER SPELL WASN'T MEANT TO TAKE DOWN ZABUZA AT ALL. IT DIVERTED HIS ATTENTION AWAY FROM ME WHILE I TRANSFORMED MYSELF INTO THE SECOND WIND SHURIKEN!!



HEH
HEH...

YOU'VE
MATURED...
ALL
OF
YOU...



IT WAS
BROKEN...
FROM
WITHOUT.

NO!!
YOU DIDN'T
DROP YOUR
OWN SPELL.



SO...
YOU MADE
ME FLY
INTO SUCH
A RAGE
THAT I
UNRAVELED
THE
SPELL
HOLDING
THE WATER
PRISON
TOGETHER...

HEH...



丑申卯
子亥酉丑
午酉子寅
戌寅巳丑未
巳亥未子
壬申酉辰
酉丑午未
寅巳子申
卯亥辰未
子丑申酉
壬子亥

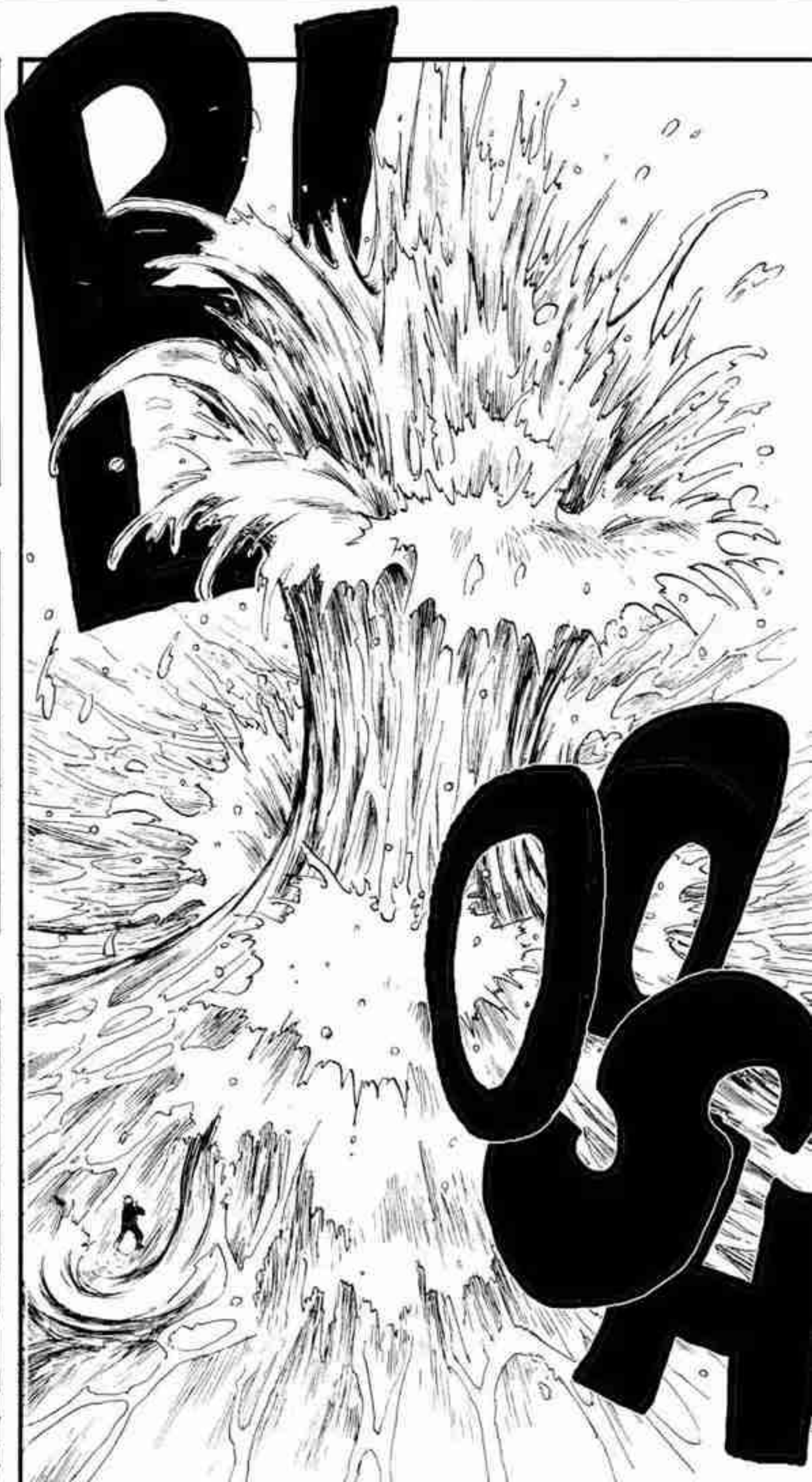
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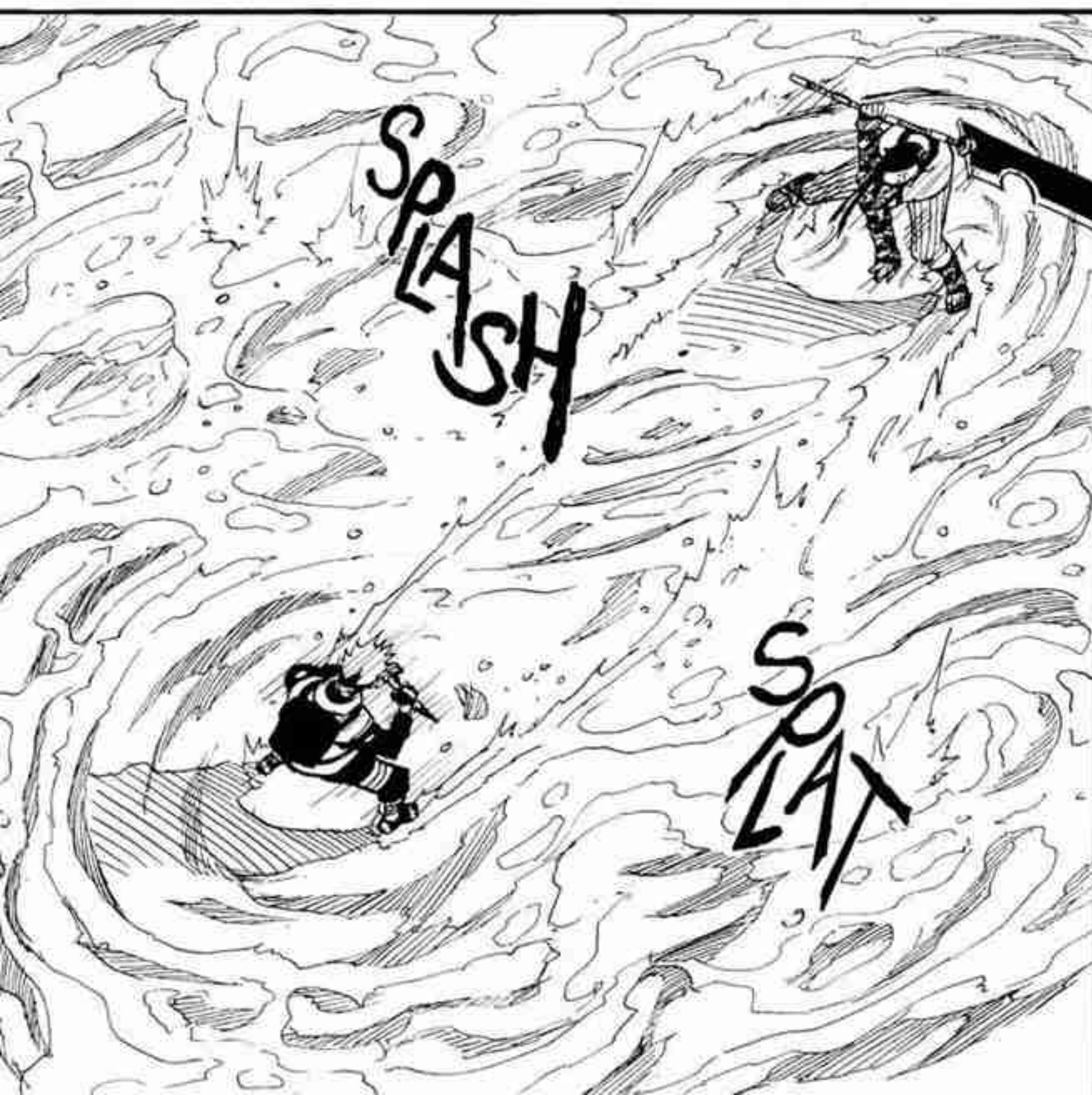


WATER
STYLE!
WATER
DRAGON
MISSILE!

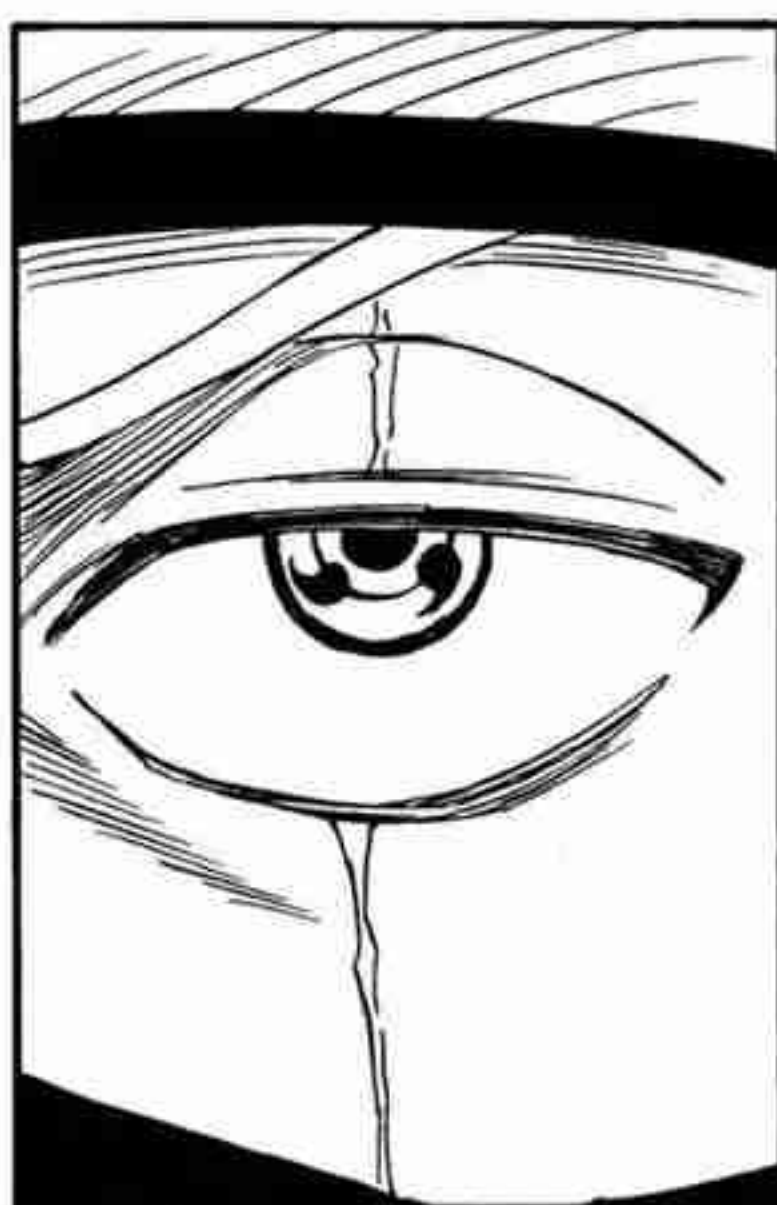
BOOM

!!!

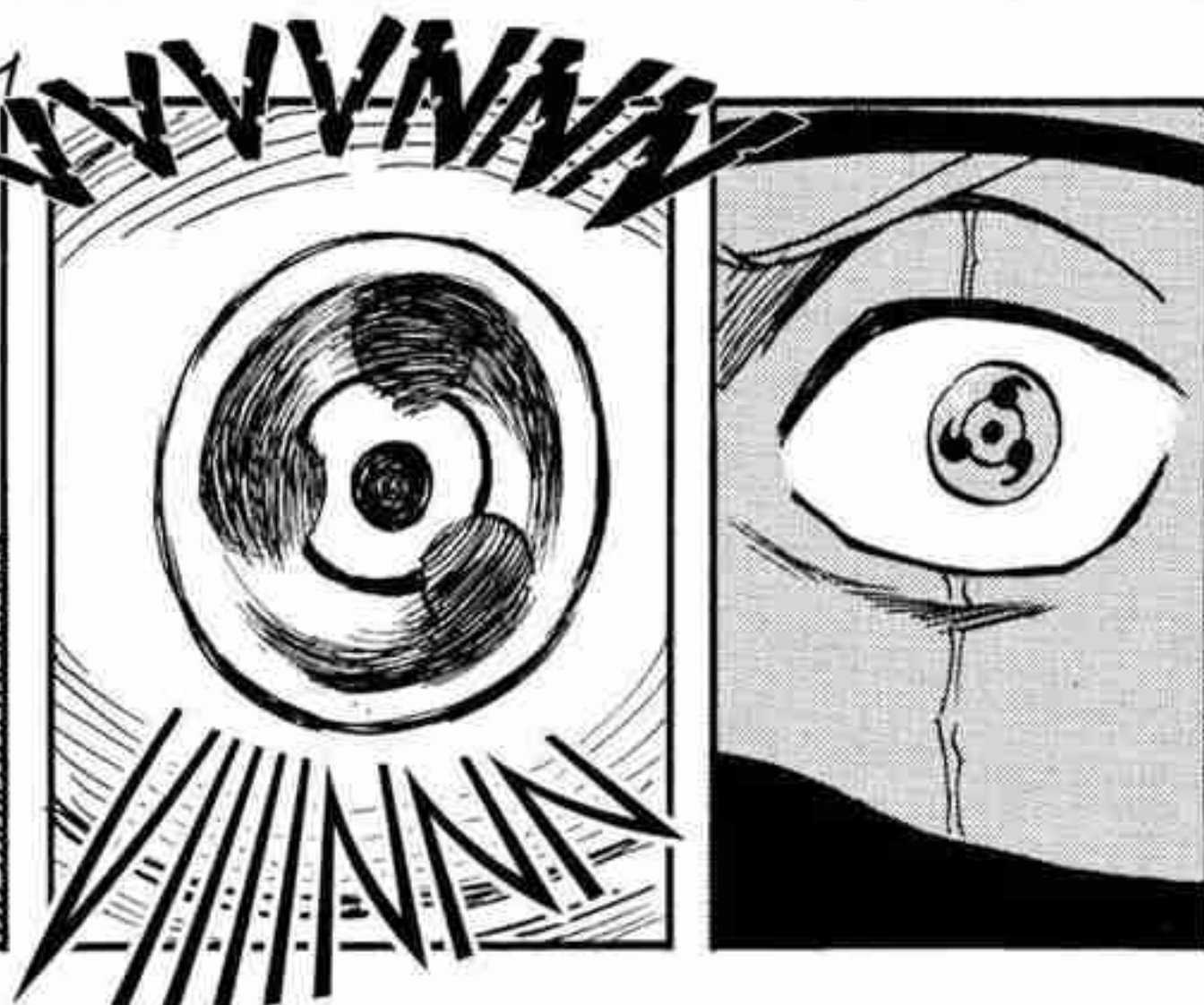






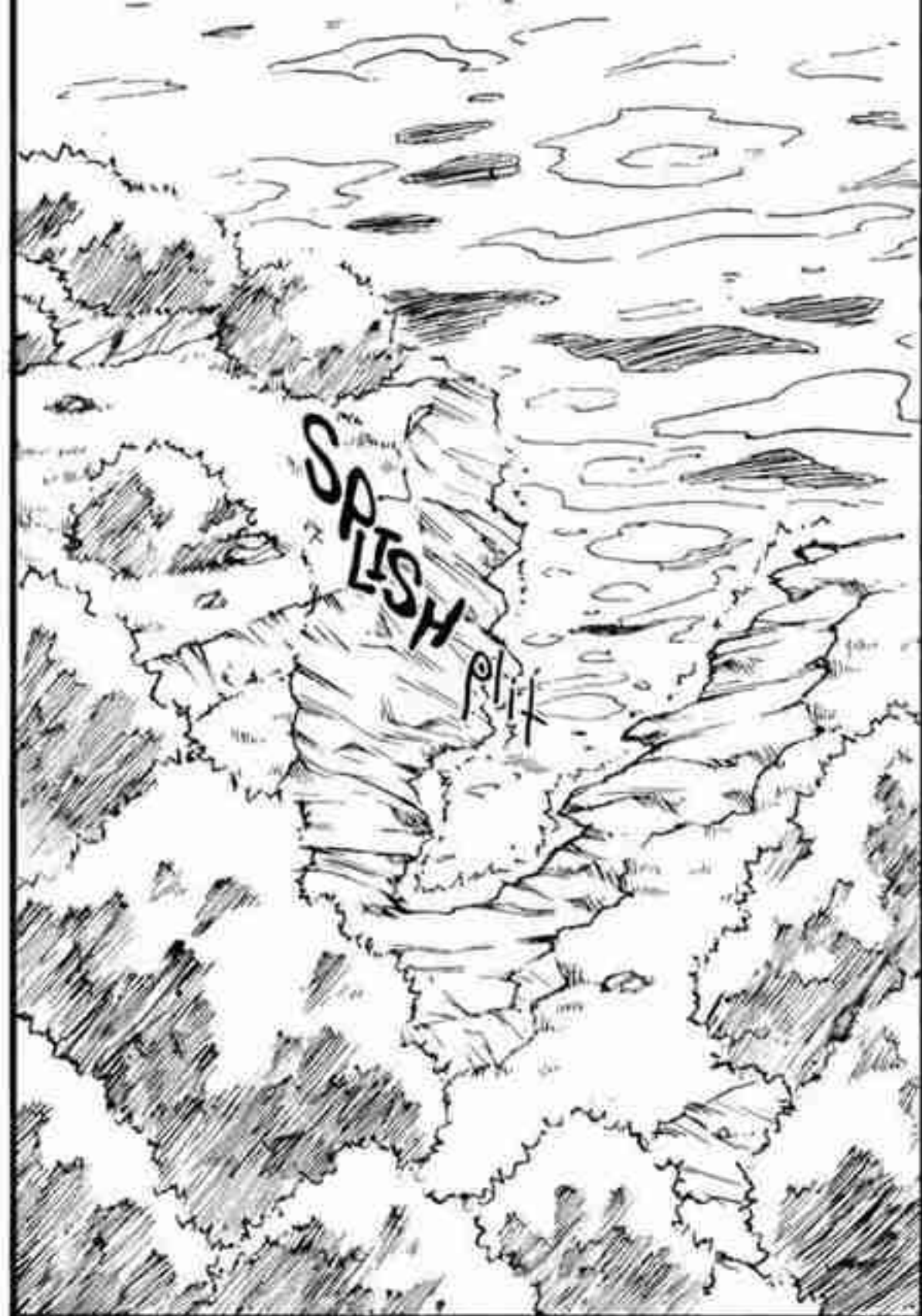








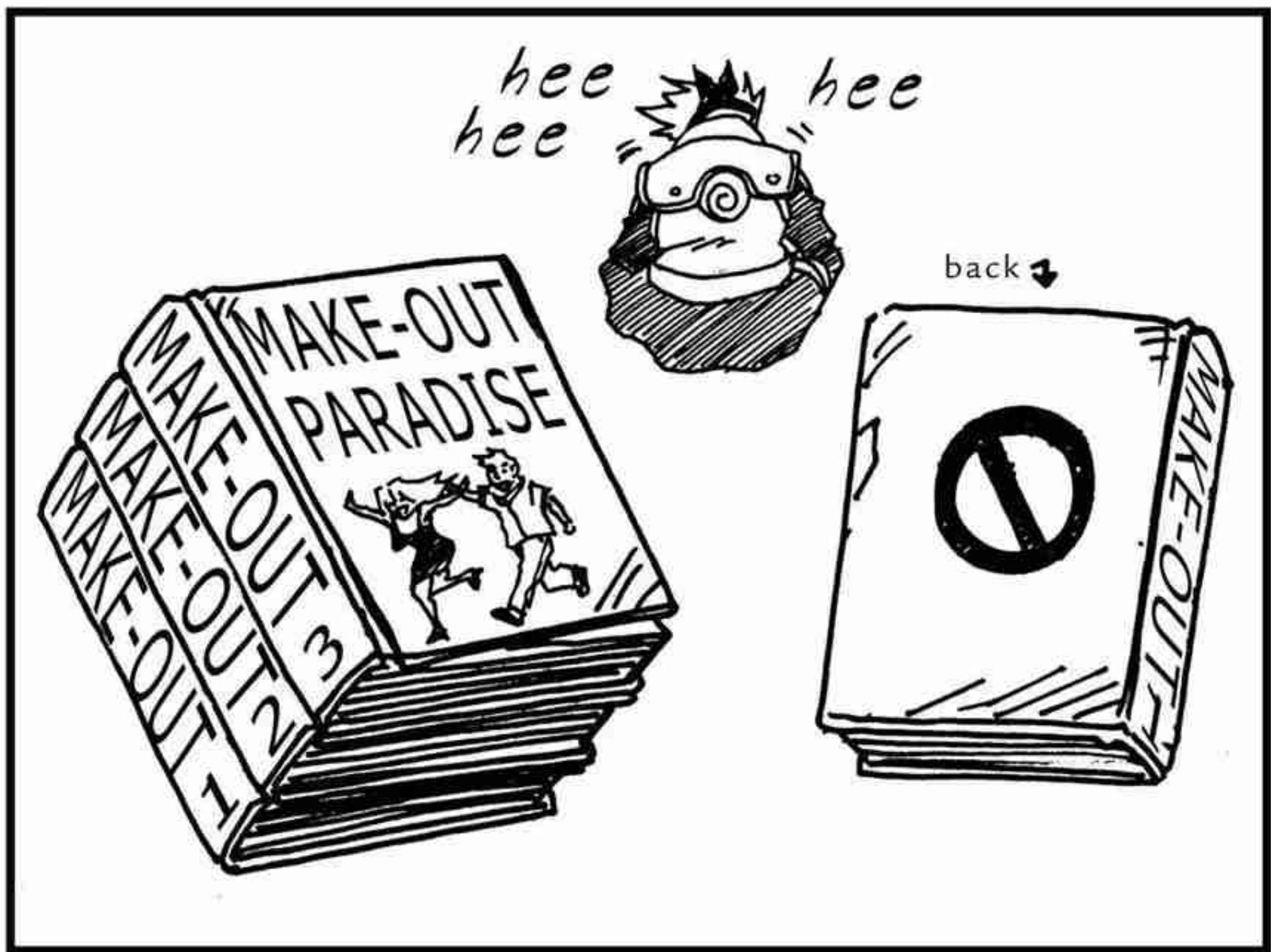






MAKE-OUT PARADISE

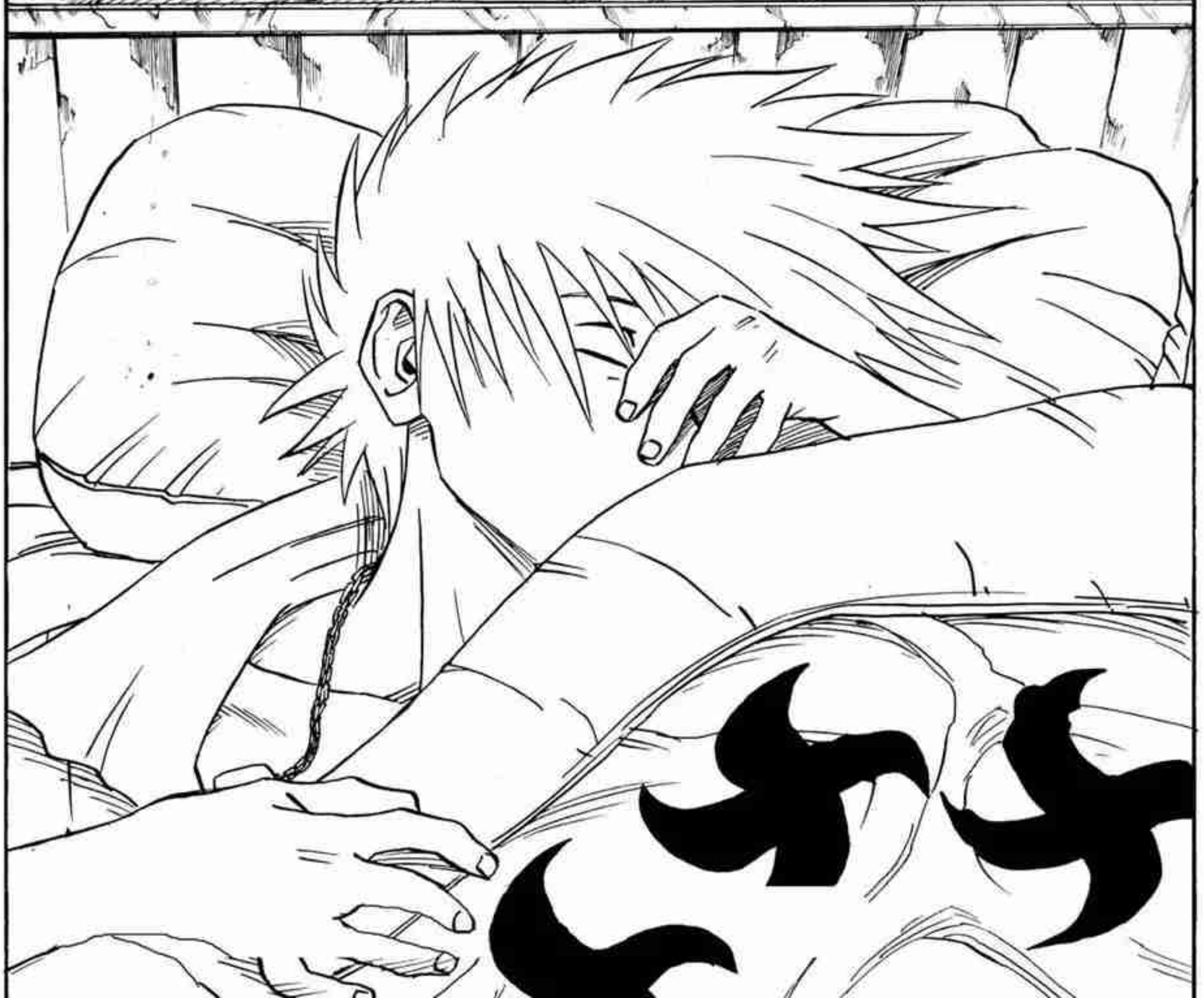
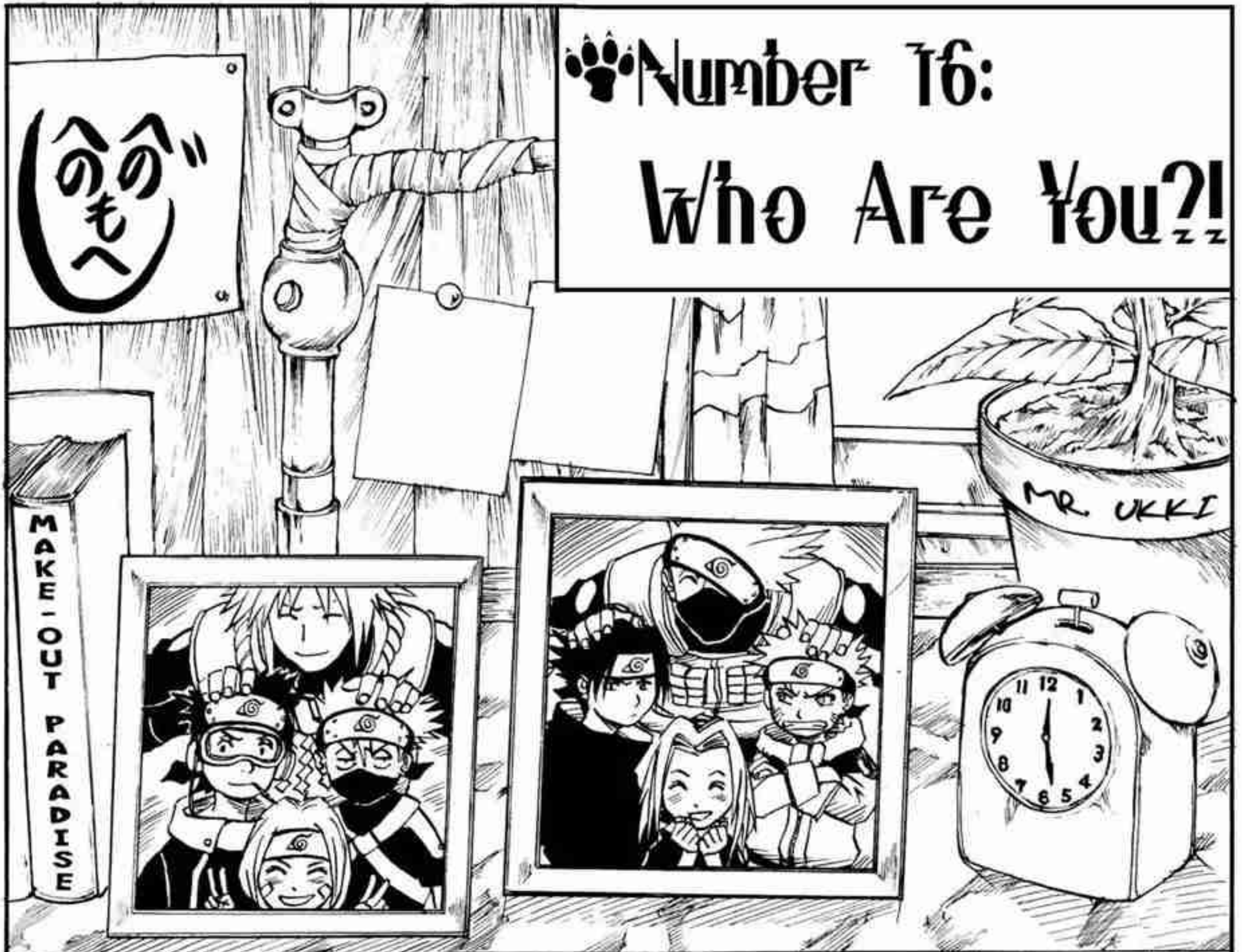
I've gotten a number of letters asking me to tell more about **Make-Out Paradise**, the books Kakashi is always reading. Therefore, I've decided to write a little bit about it.

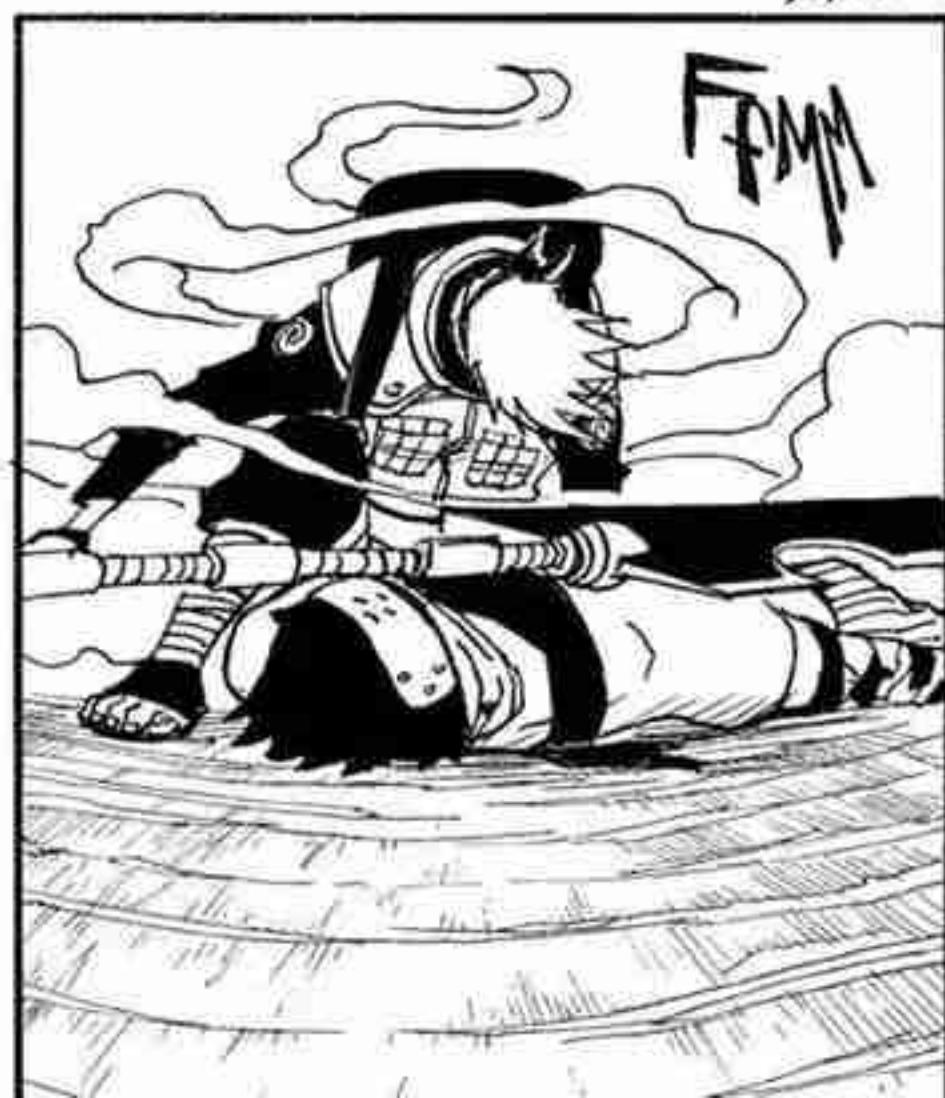
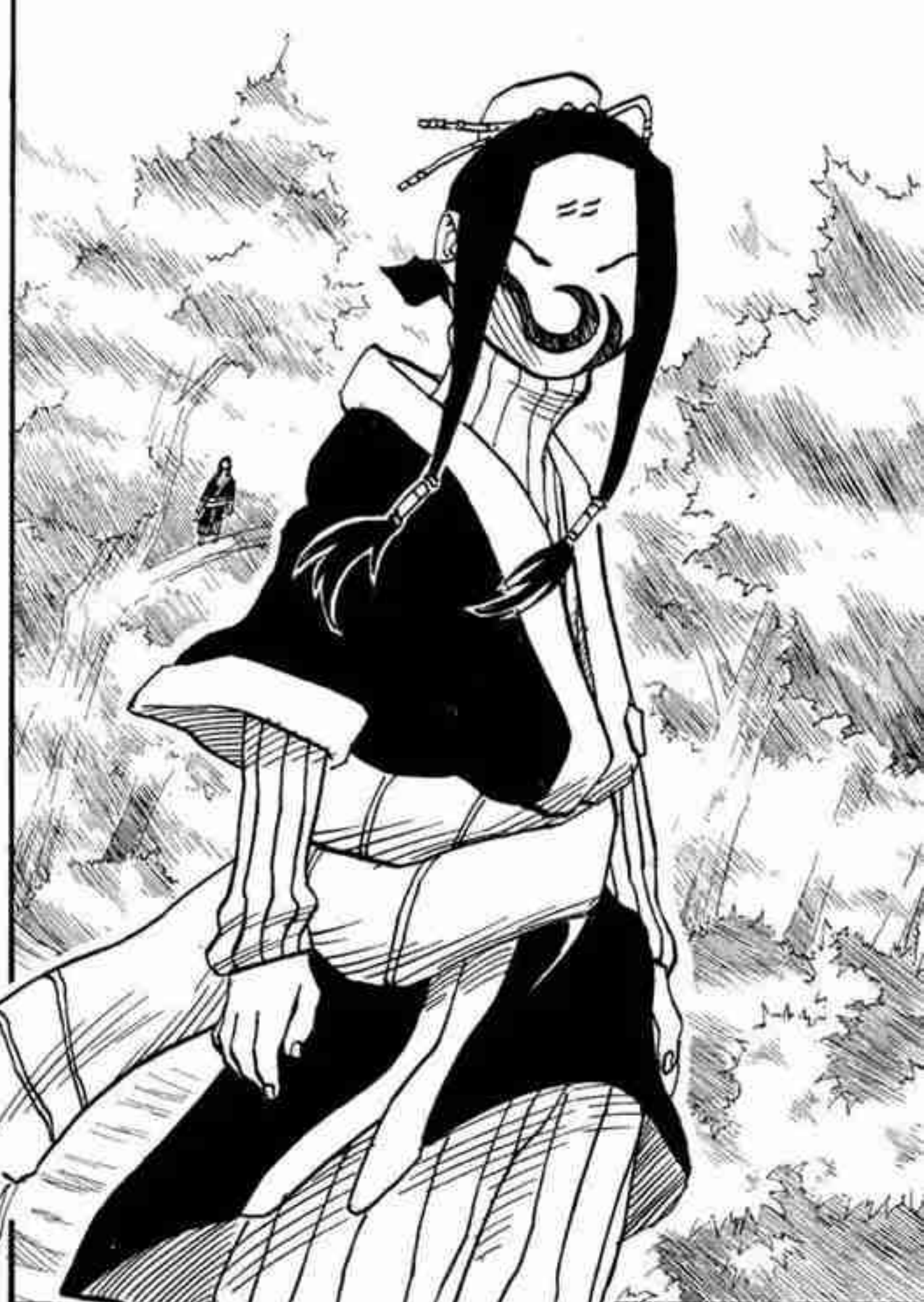


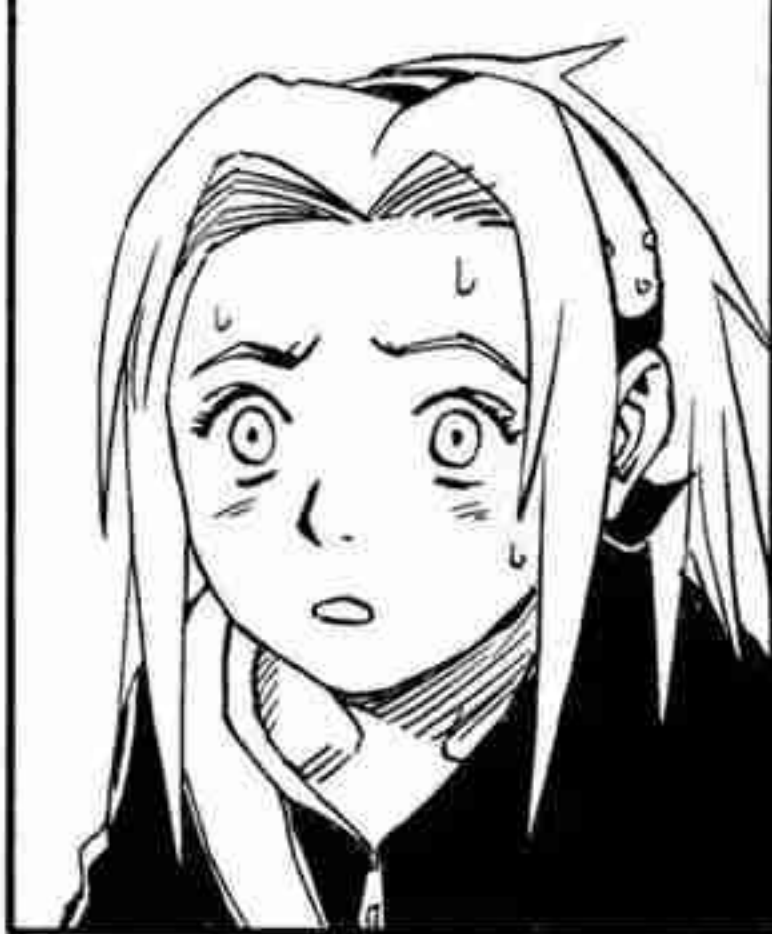
Make-Out Paradise (a three-volume series) is Kakashi's favorite reading material! The plot involves.....

.....Umm...unfortunately, even though **Naruto** is "recommended for ages 13 and up," it's not *quite* "adult" enough to explain the story of **Make-Out Paradise**. Sorry! But I will say that if Kakashi gets his wish, **Make-Out Paradise** Vol. 1 may yet be published in English!

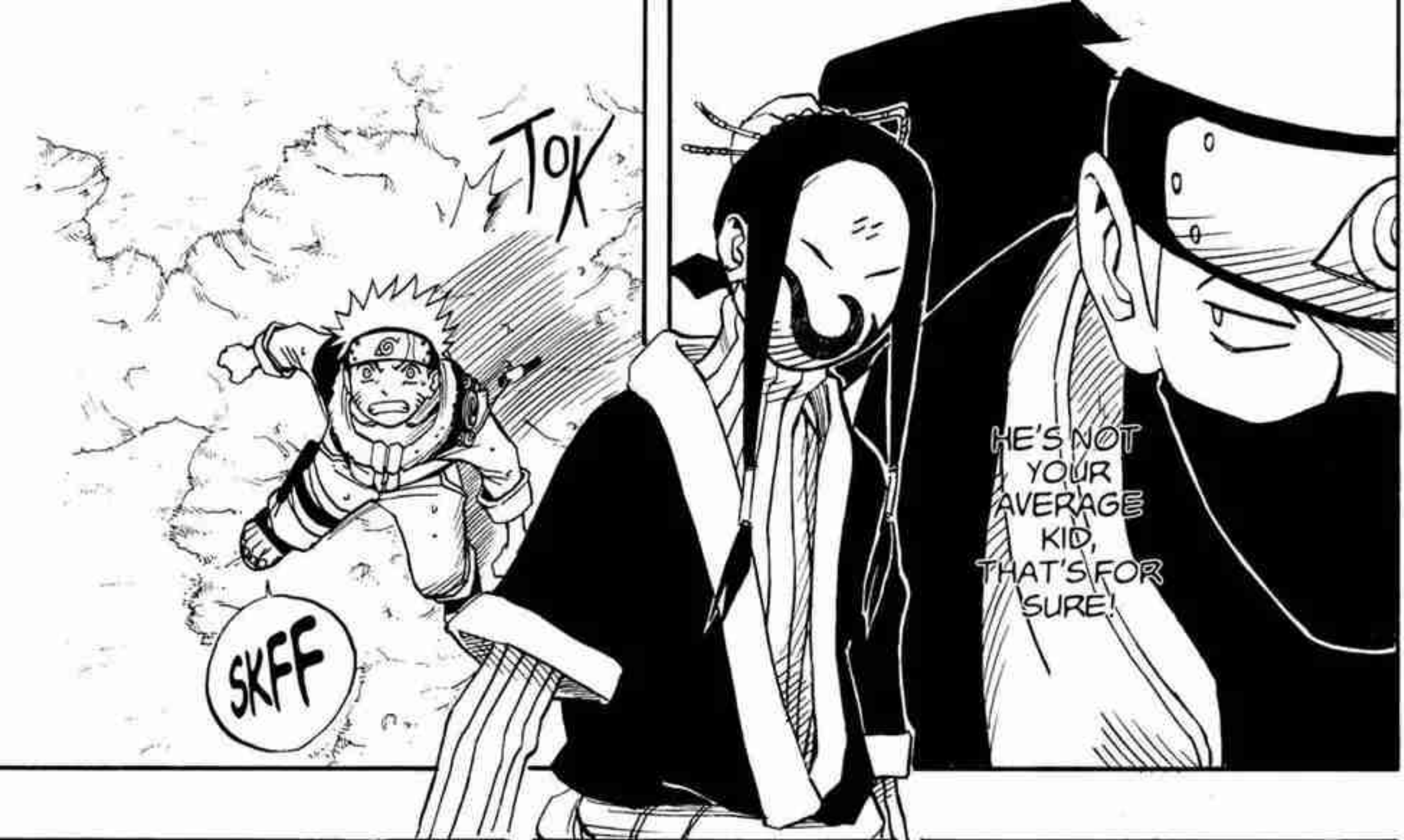
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Who Are You?!

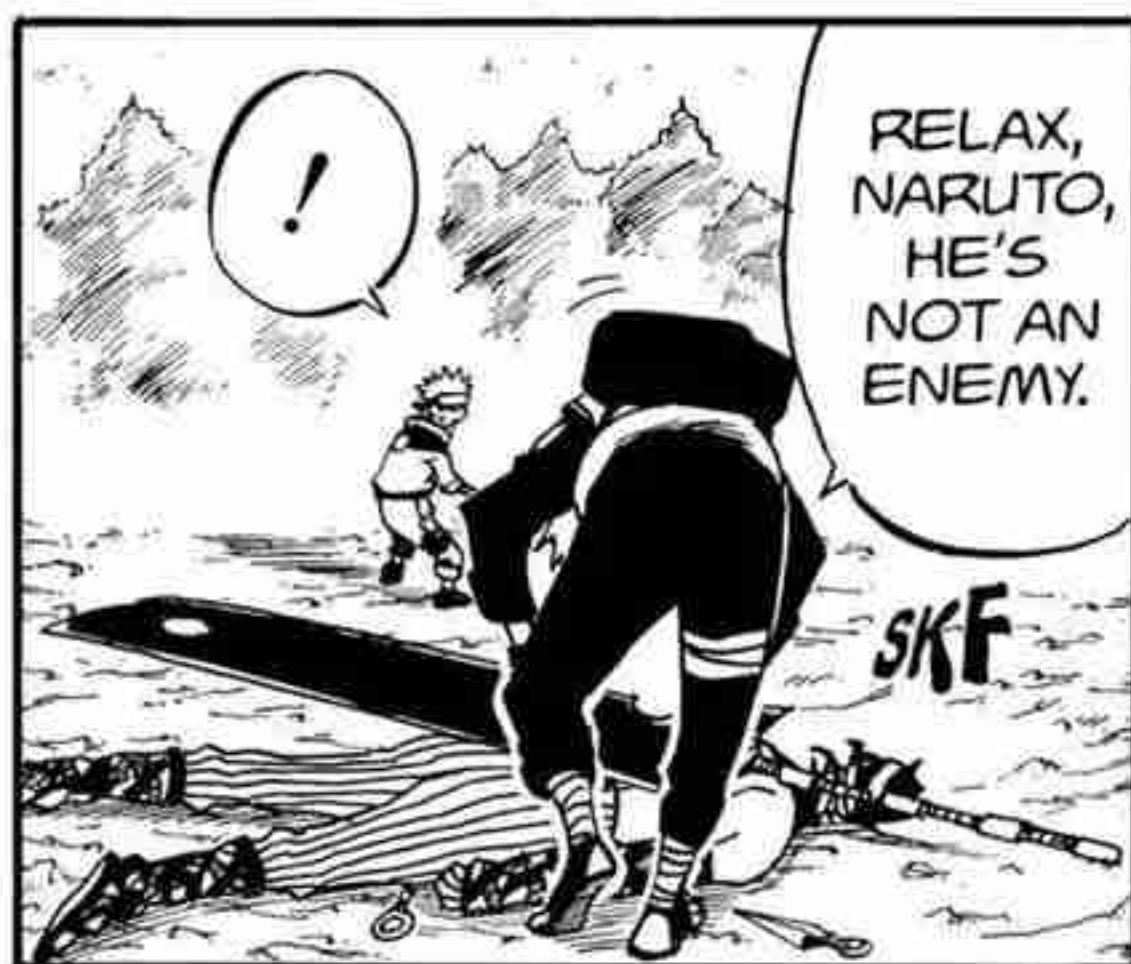












LIKE IT WAS
NOTHING!
WHAT, DO
WE SUCK OR
SOMETHING?

WHAT'S
UP
WITH
THAT?!

...BUT
STILL
GOT
TAKEN
OUT
BY A
GUY
WHO'S
ONLY
ABOUT
MY AGE!



...BUT
IT'S A
FACT...

...YOU'LL
HAVE
TO
LIVE
WITH.

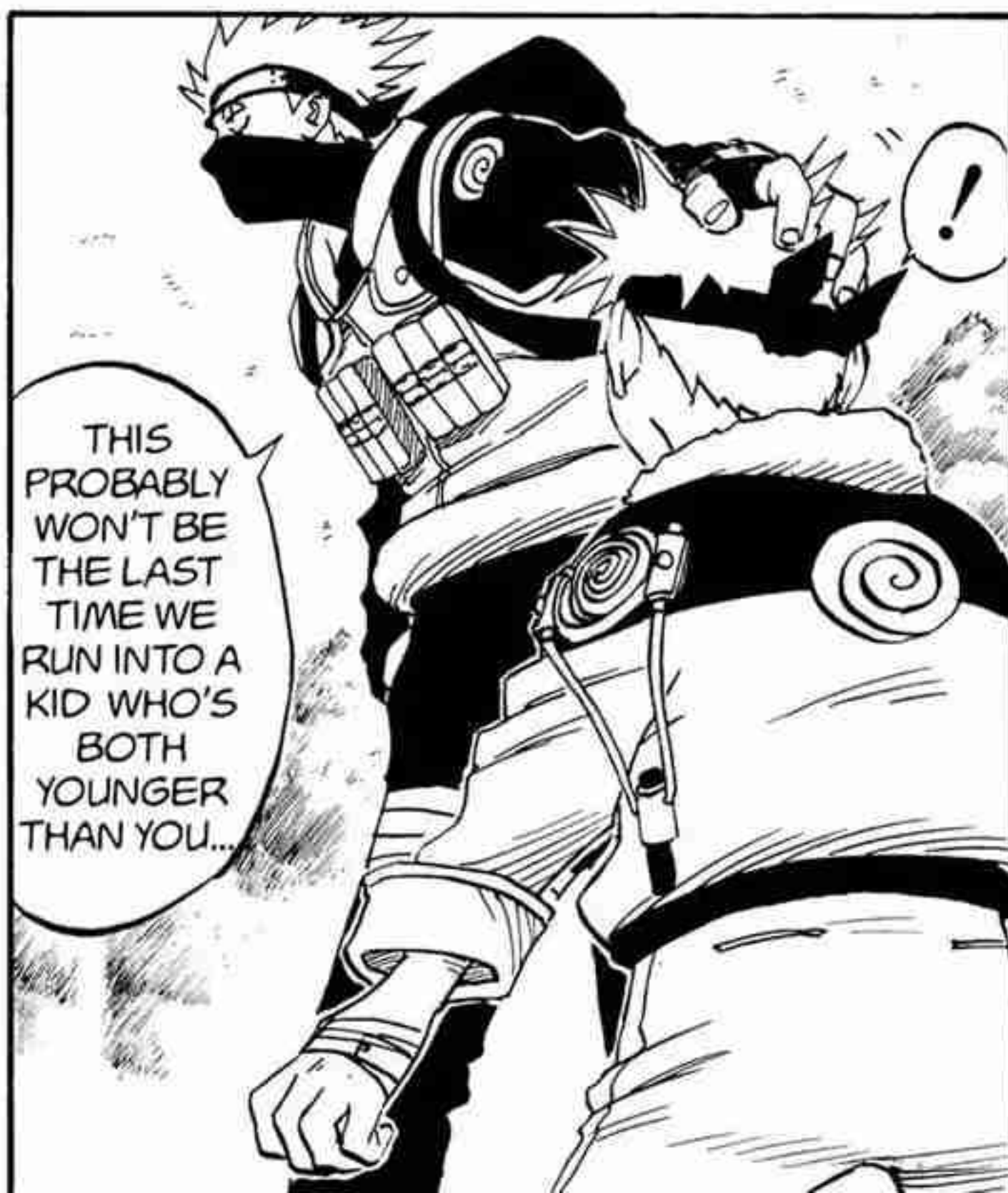
WELL,
YOU HAVE
MY SYMPATHY.
I CAN SEE
WHERE A
THING LIKE
THAT WOULD
BE HARD
TO ACCEPT

OH.

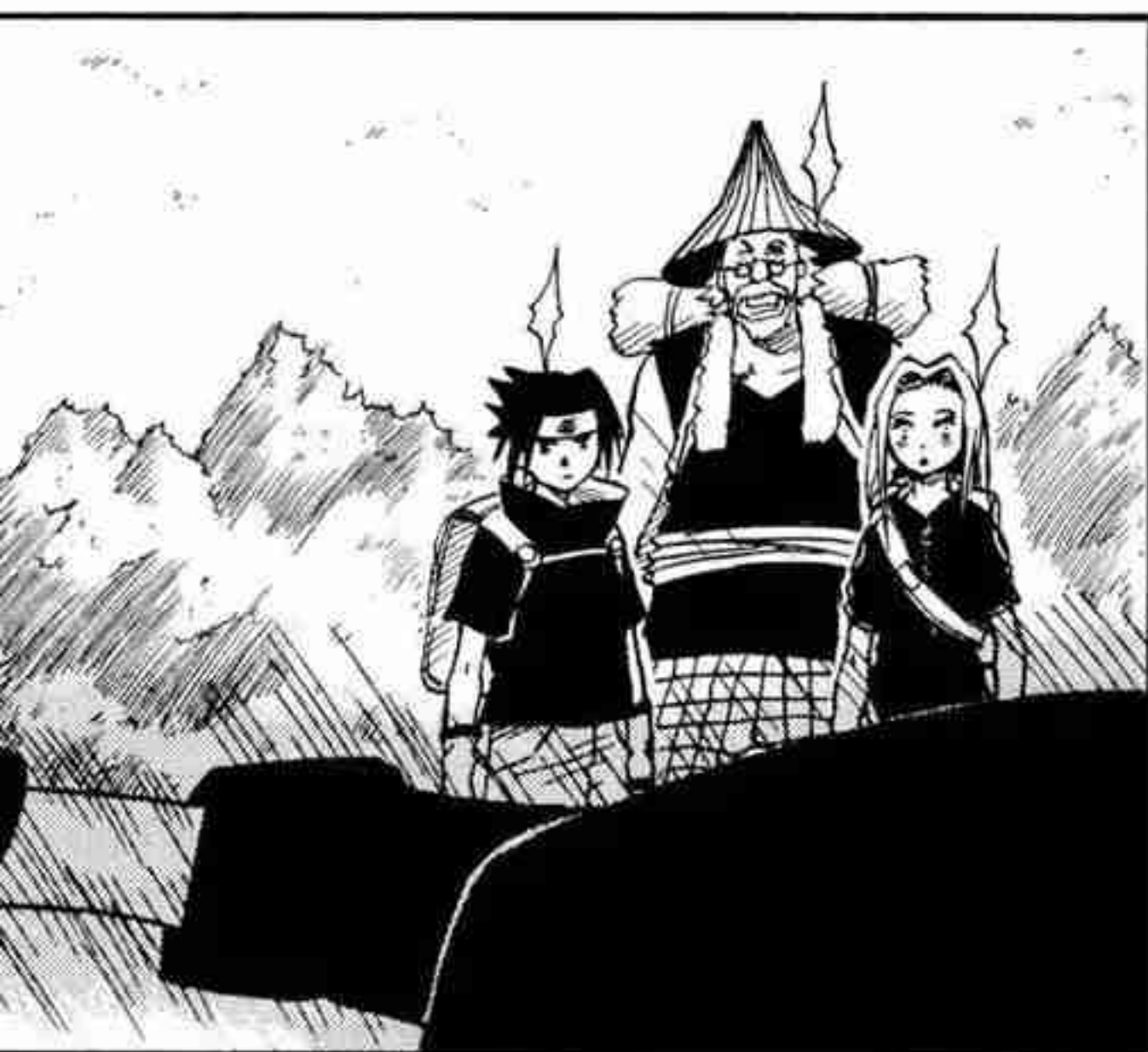
KRUNCH

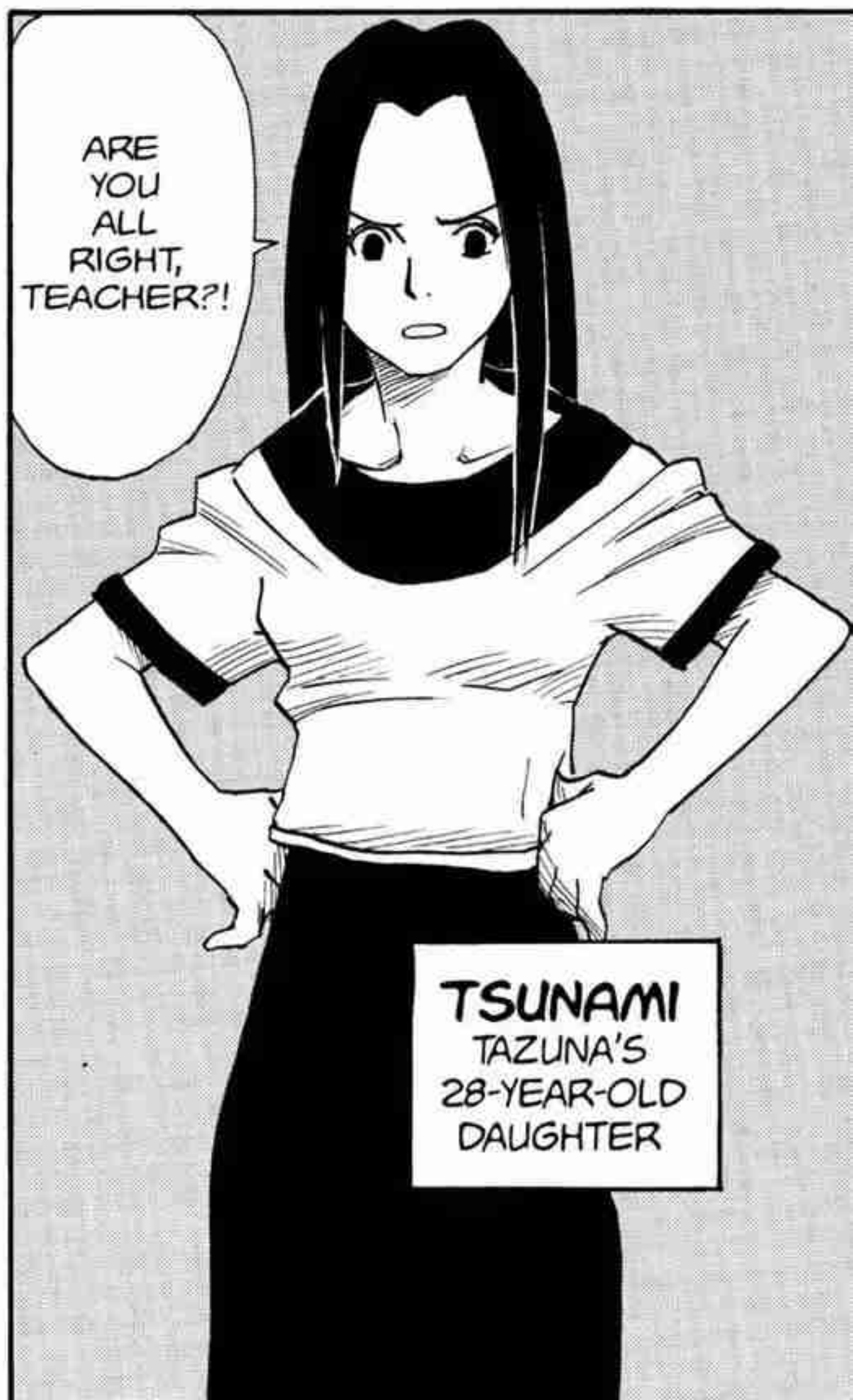
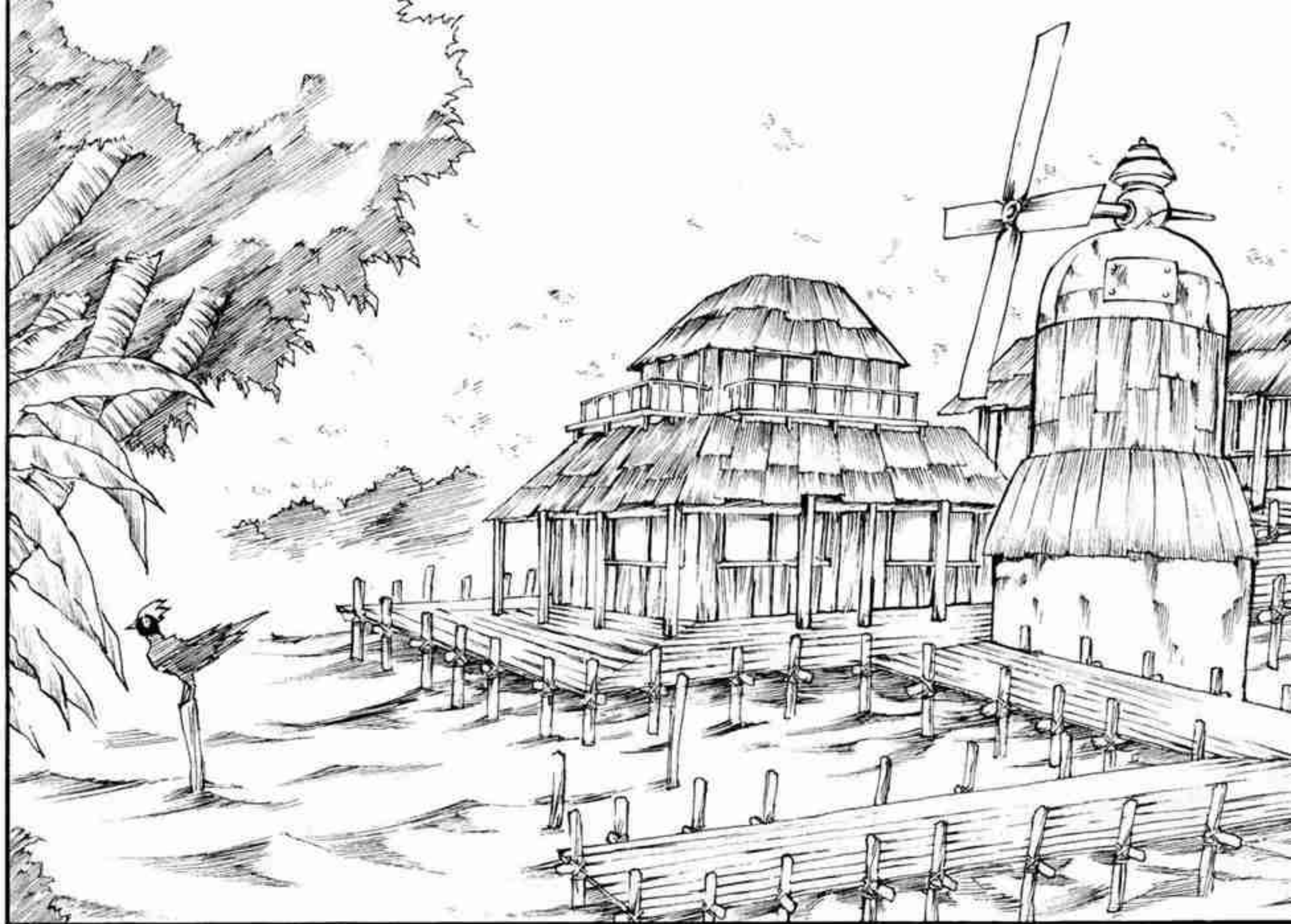
... AND
STRONGER
THAN
ME.

THIS
PROBABLY
WON'T BE
THE LAST
TIME WE
RUN INTO A
KID WHO'S
BOTH
YOUNGER
THAN YOU...











I CAN'T
GET MY
MIND OFF
THAT
MASKED
KID...



... SO
WE CAN
PROBABLY
RELAX FOR
A WHILE...

THIS TIME,
YOU TOOK
DOWN YOUR
STRONGEST
FOE YET...



BECAUSE
THEY
DISPOSE OF
CORPSES SO
THOROUGHLY,
IT'S AS THOUGH
THEY NEVER
EXISTED...

THEIR
UNIT IS
CODE-NAMED
THE
"UNDERTAKER
SQUAD",

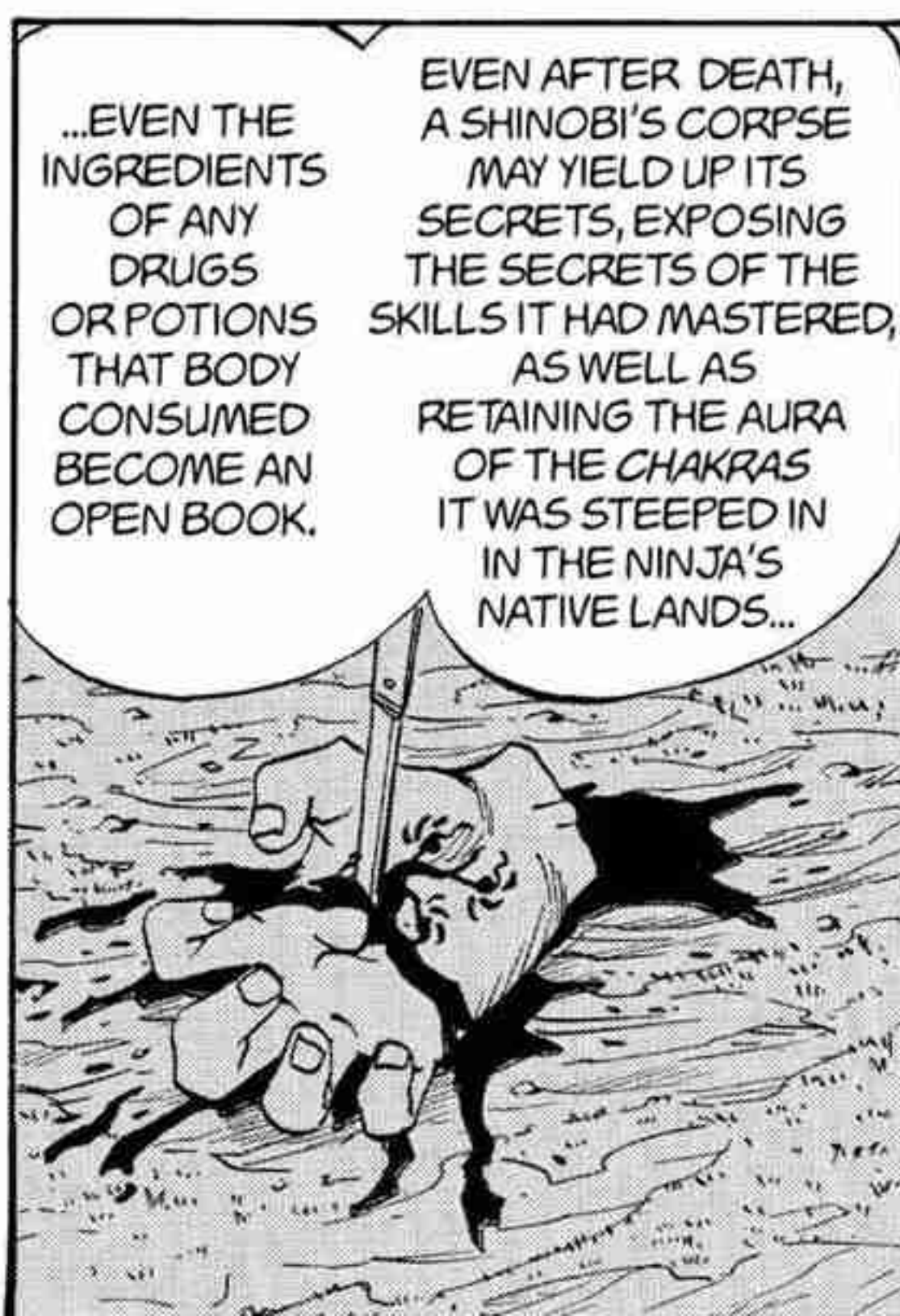
THE
SHINOBI
HUNTERS
ALL
WEAR
THEM....

THAT MASK
IS WORN BY
THE MOST
ELITE AND
SECRET NINJA
FROM THE
VILLAGE
HIDDEN
IN THE MIST...



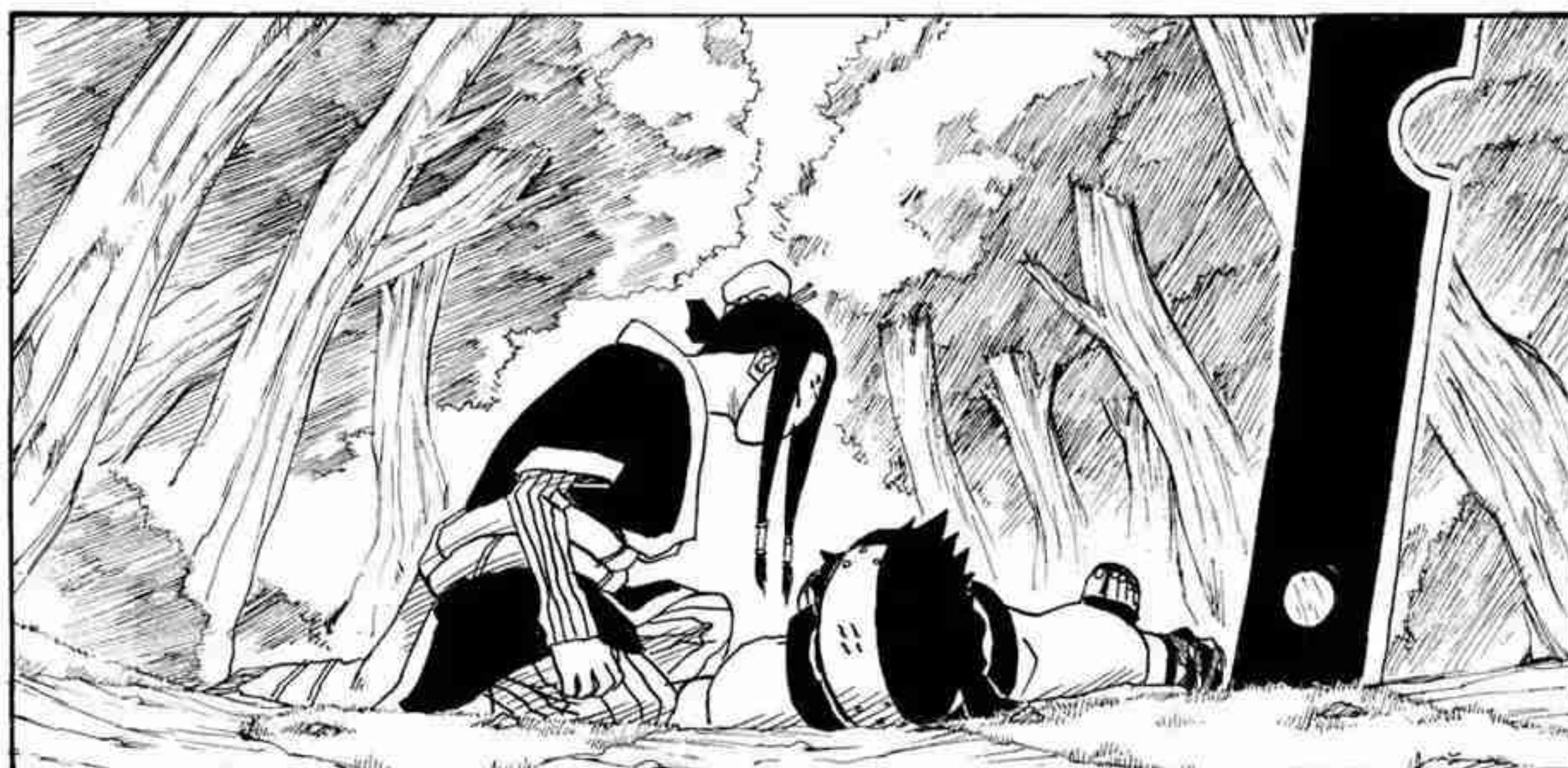
IN THE
WORST CASE,
THE ENEMY
MIGHT GAIN
ENOUGH
INFORMATION
TO BE ABLE
TO DUPLICATE
AND MASTER
THAT POWER.

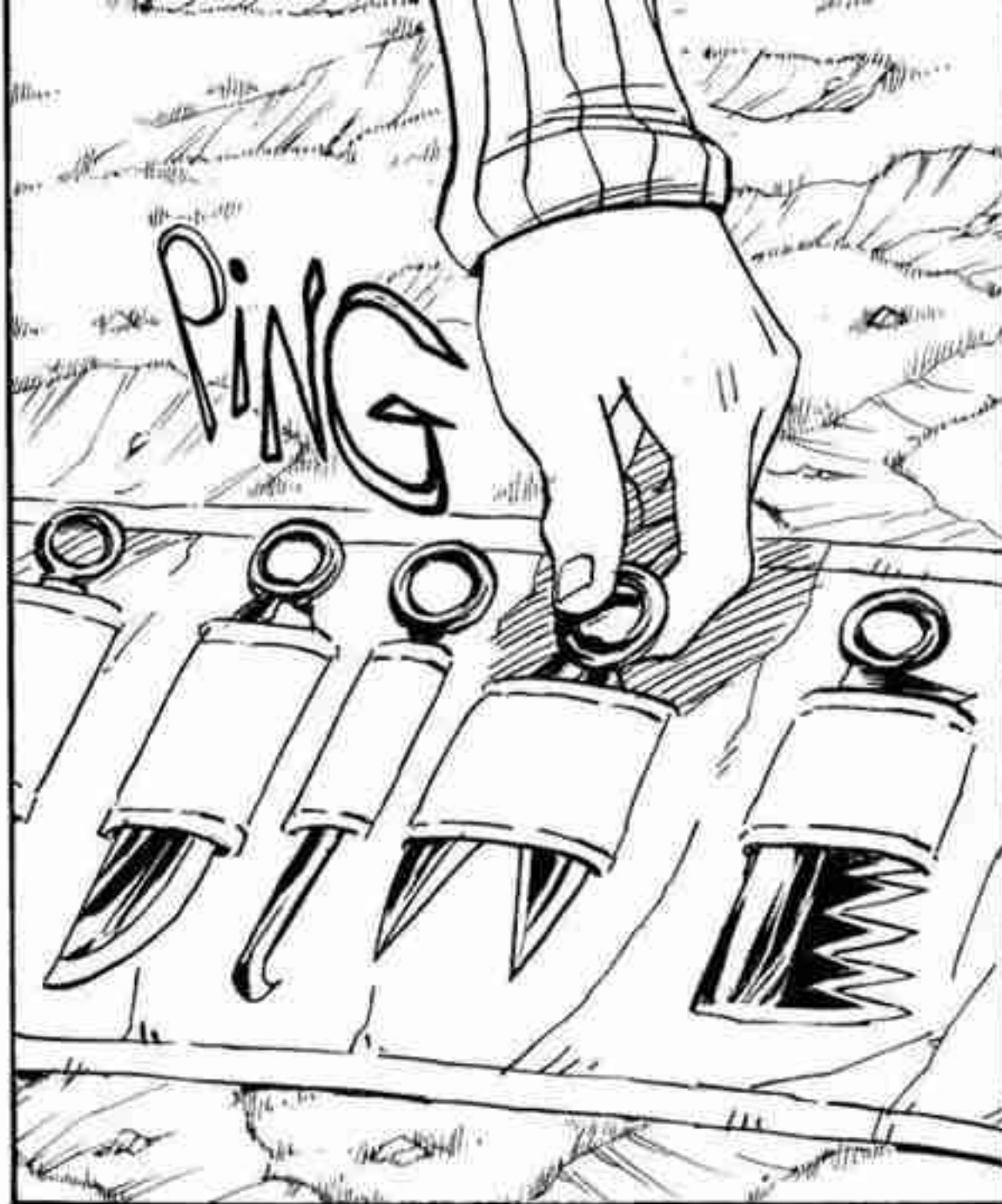
IN THE SAME WAY,
WHEN I DIE, IF AN
ENEMY WERE TO TAKE
POSSESSION OF MY
REMAINS, THE CORPSE
WOULD REVEAL ALL OF
THE ANATOMICAL
IDIOSYNCRASIES
UNIQUE TO POSSESSORS
OF THE SHARINGAN EYE...



...EVEN THE
INGREDIENTS
OF ANY
DRUGS
OR POTIONS
THAT BODY
CONSUMED
BECOME AN
OPEN BOOK.

EVEN AFTER DEATH,
A SHINOBI'S CORPSE
MAY YIELD UP ITS
SECRETS, EXPOSING
THE SECRETS OF THE
SKILLS IT HAD MASTERED,
AS WELL AS
RETAINING THE AURA
OF THE CHAKRAS
IT WAS STEEPED IN
IN THE NINJA'S
NATIVE LANDS...

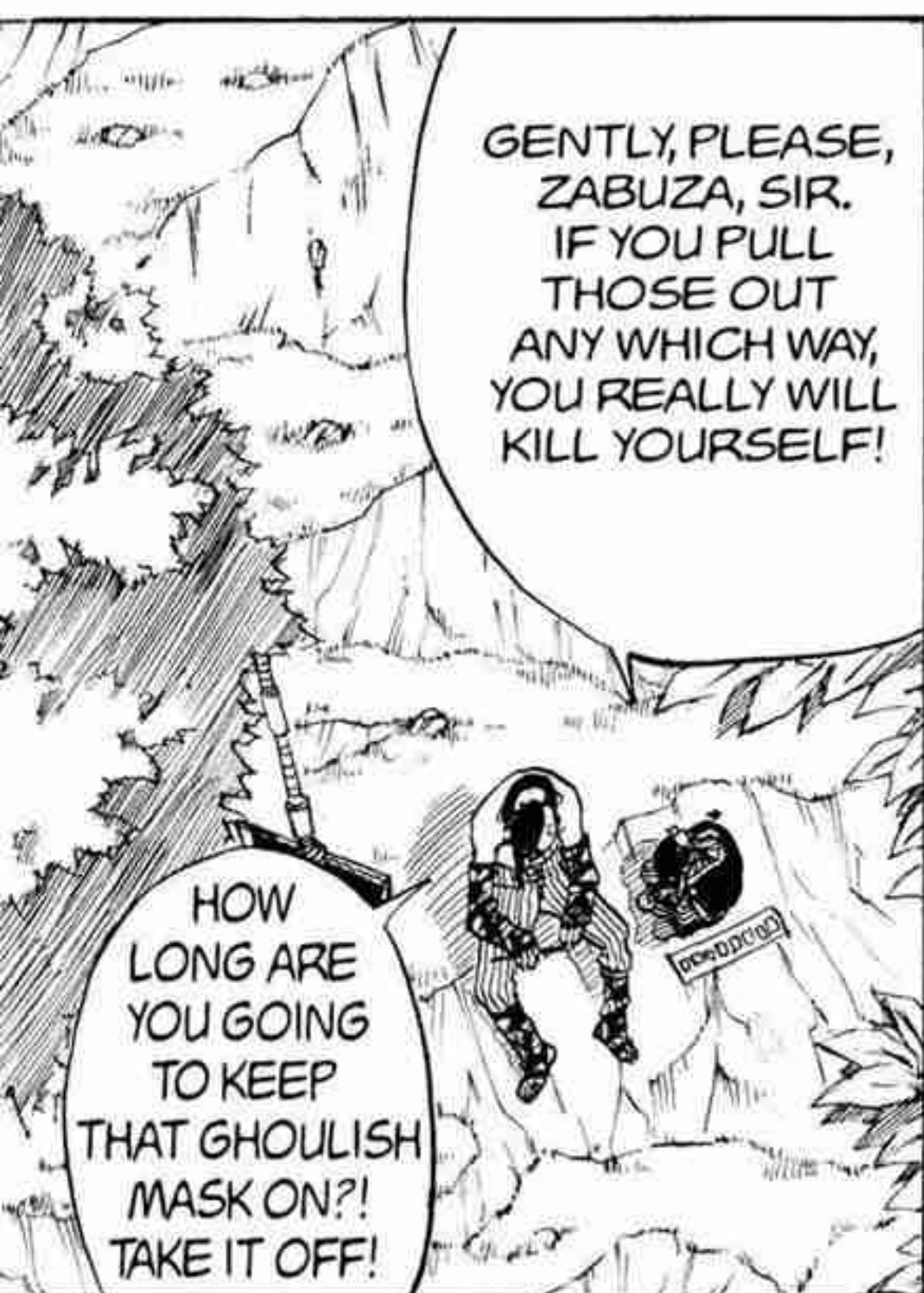


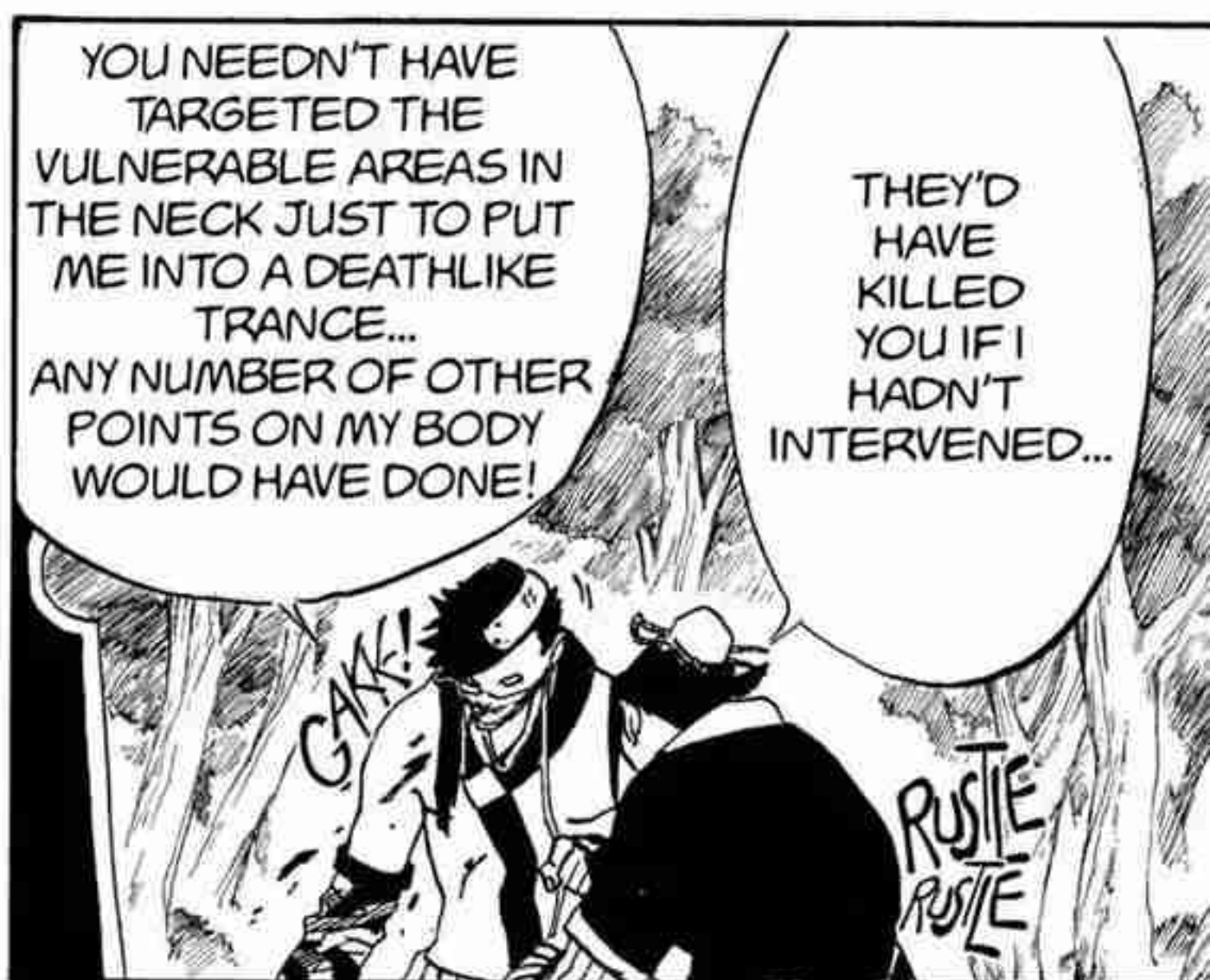
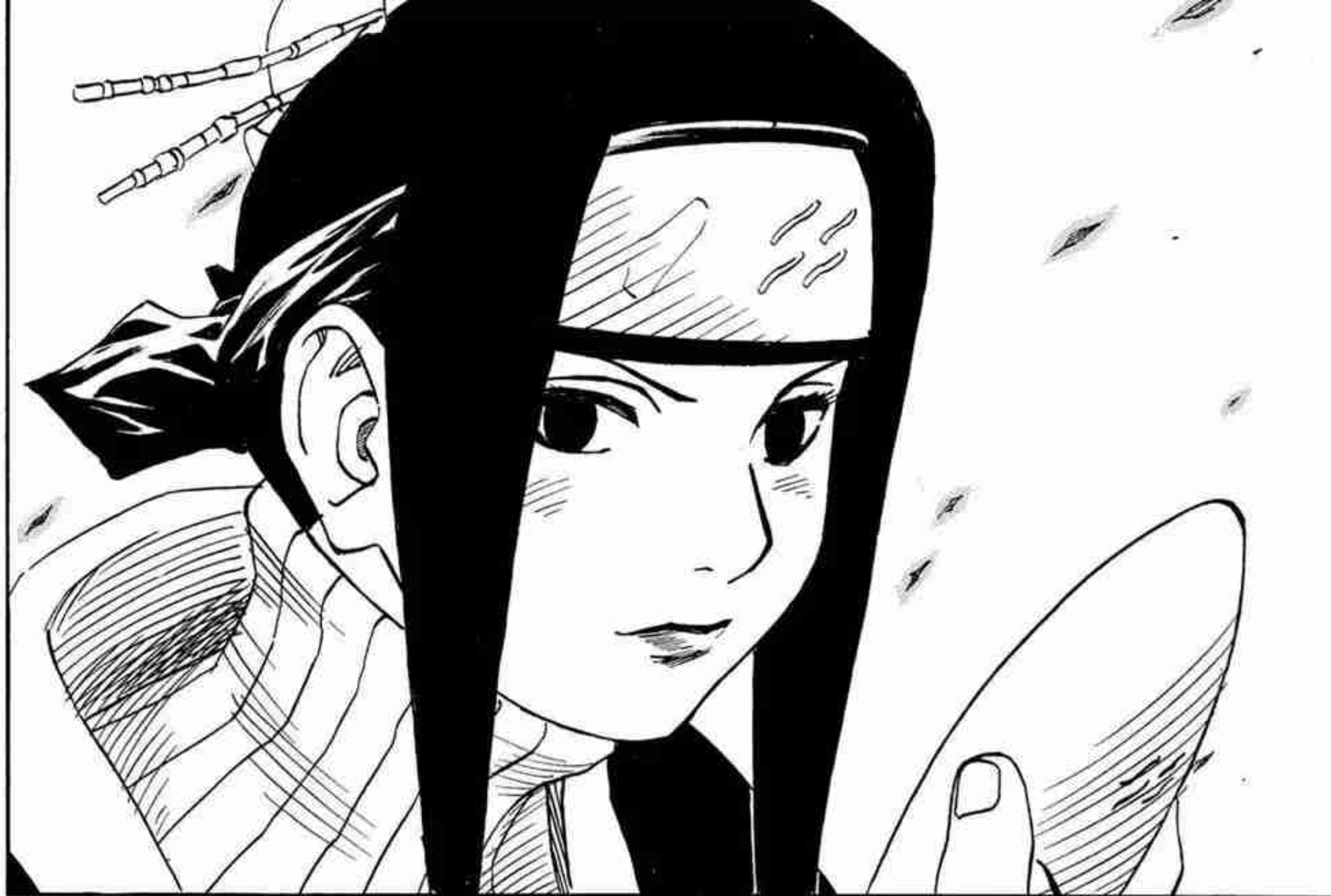




ENOUGH!

I
CAN
DO IT
MYSELF...







AND
BESIDES,
THE NECK
IS SO MUCH
LESS
MUSCULAR
THAN THE
REST OF
THE BODY...

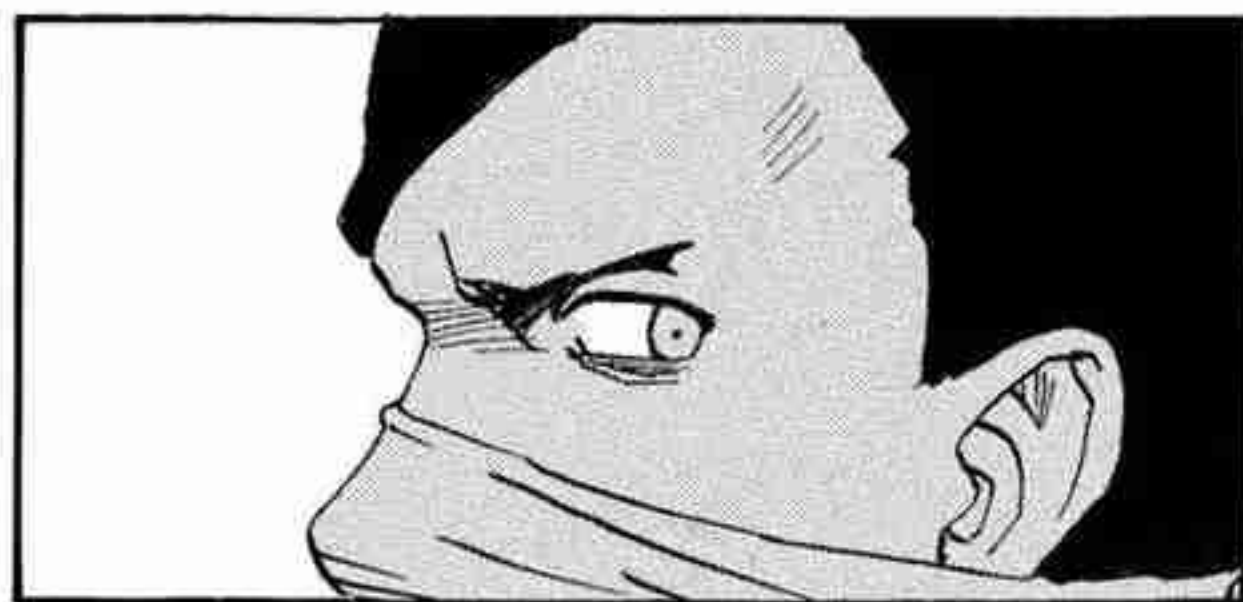
I CAN
MORE
PRECISELY
TARGET THE
POINTS --



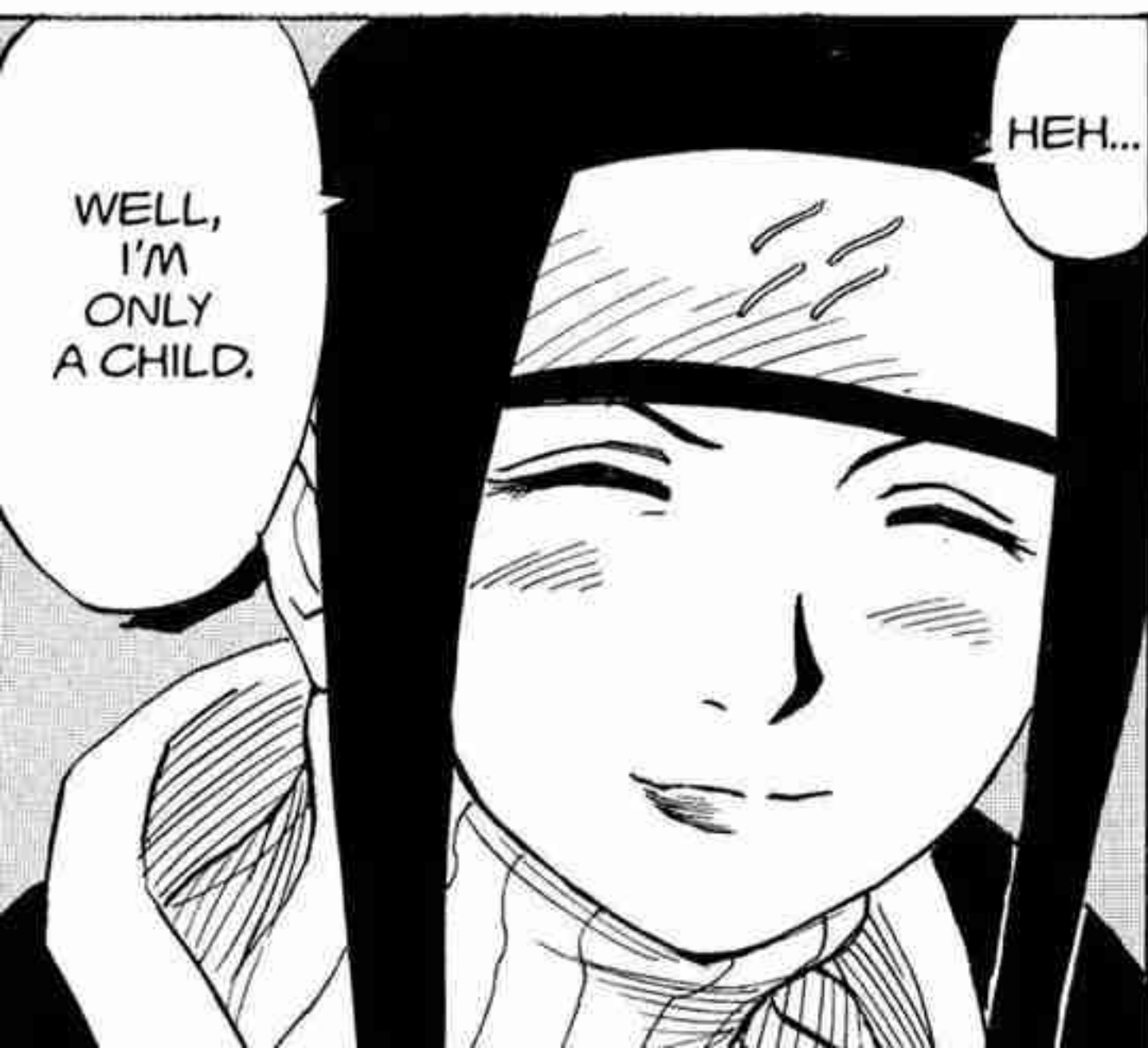
I DIDN'T
WANT
TO MAR
YOUR
PERFECT
BODY,
ZABUZA,
SIR.



BUT OF
COURSE,
SOMEONE
LIKE
YOU WILL
RECOVER
MUCH
MORE QUICKLY,
RIGHT?

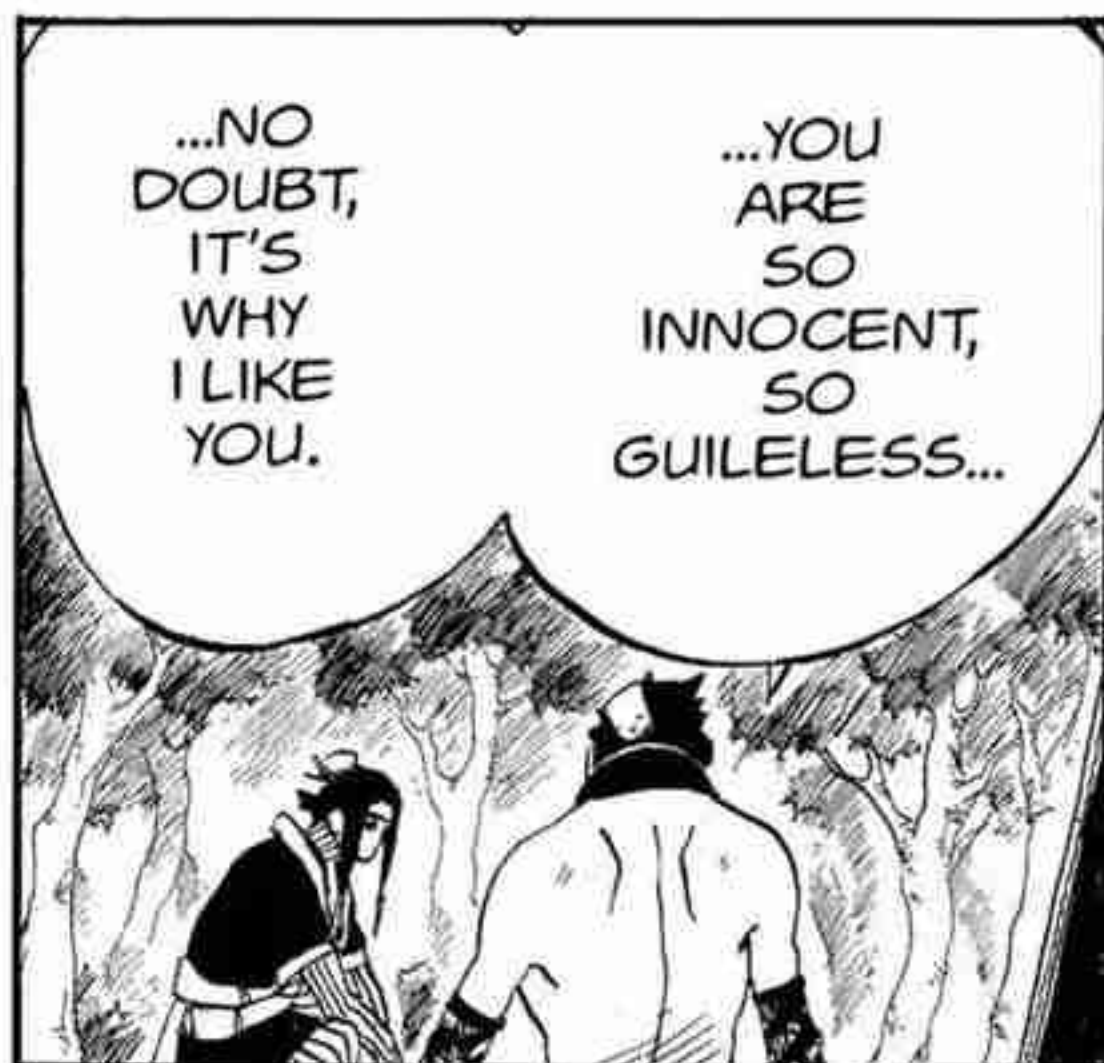


...THAT WILL
LEAVE
AN ORDINARY
TARGET
PARALYZED
AND
APPARENTLY
DEAD FOR
A FULL WEEK...



WELL,
I'M
ONLY
A CHILD.

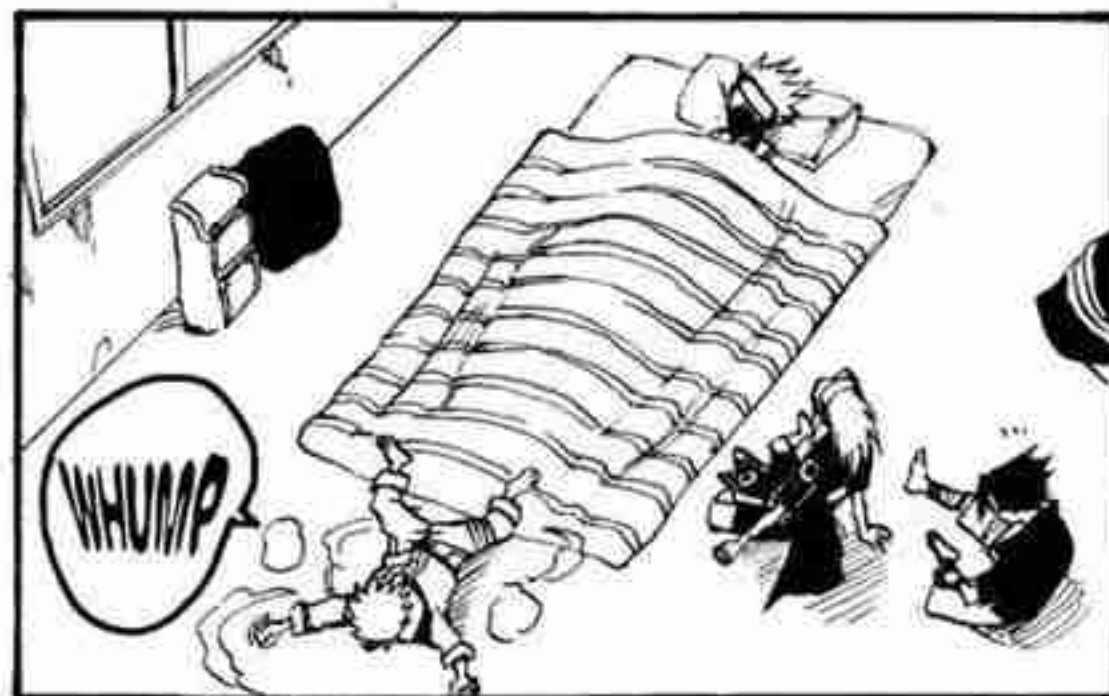
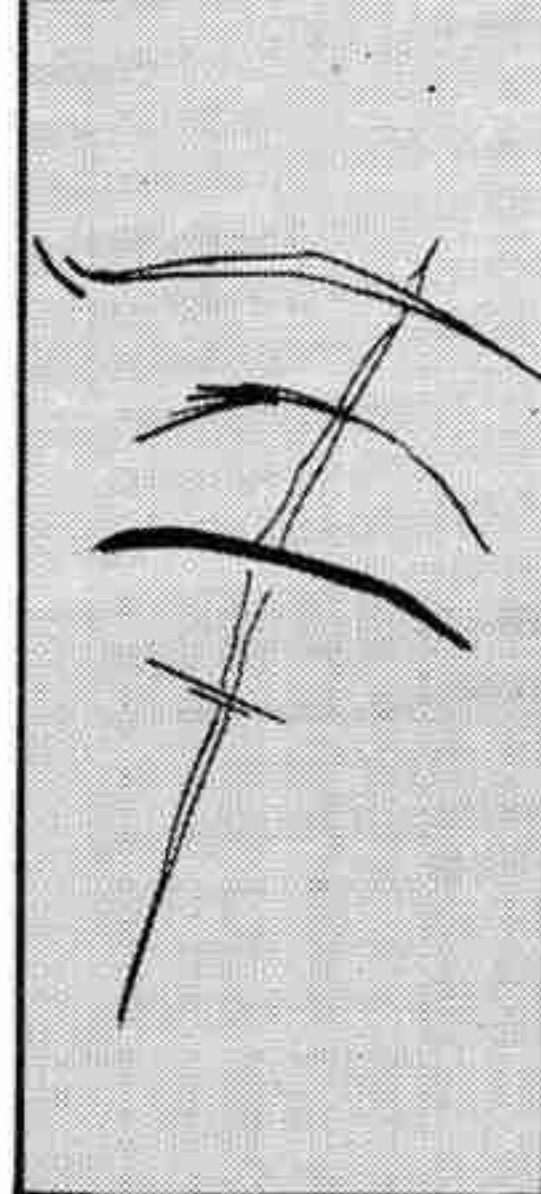
HEH...



...NO
DOUBT,
IT'S
WHY
I LIKE
YOU.

...YOU
ARE
SO
INNOCENT,
SO
GUILLESS...

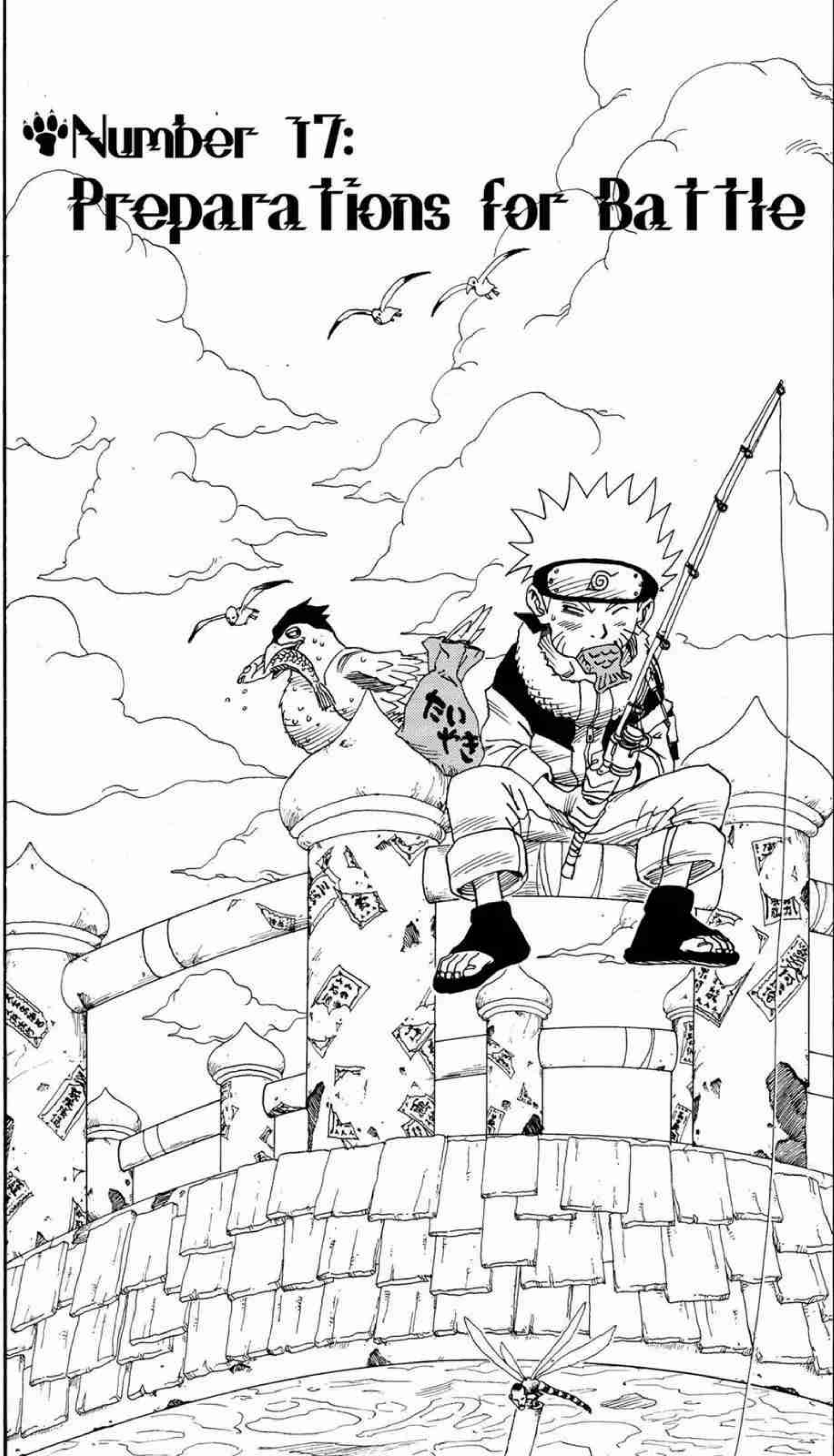




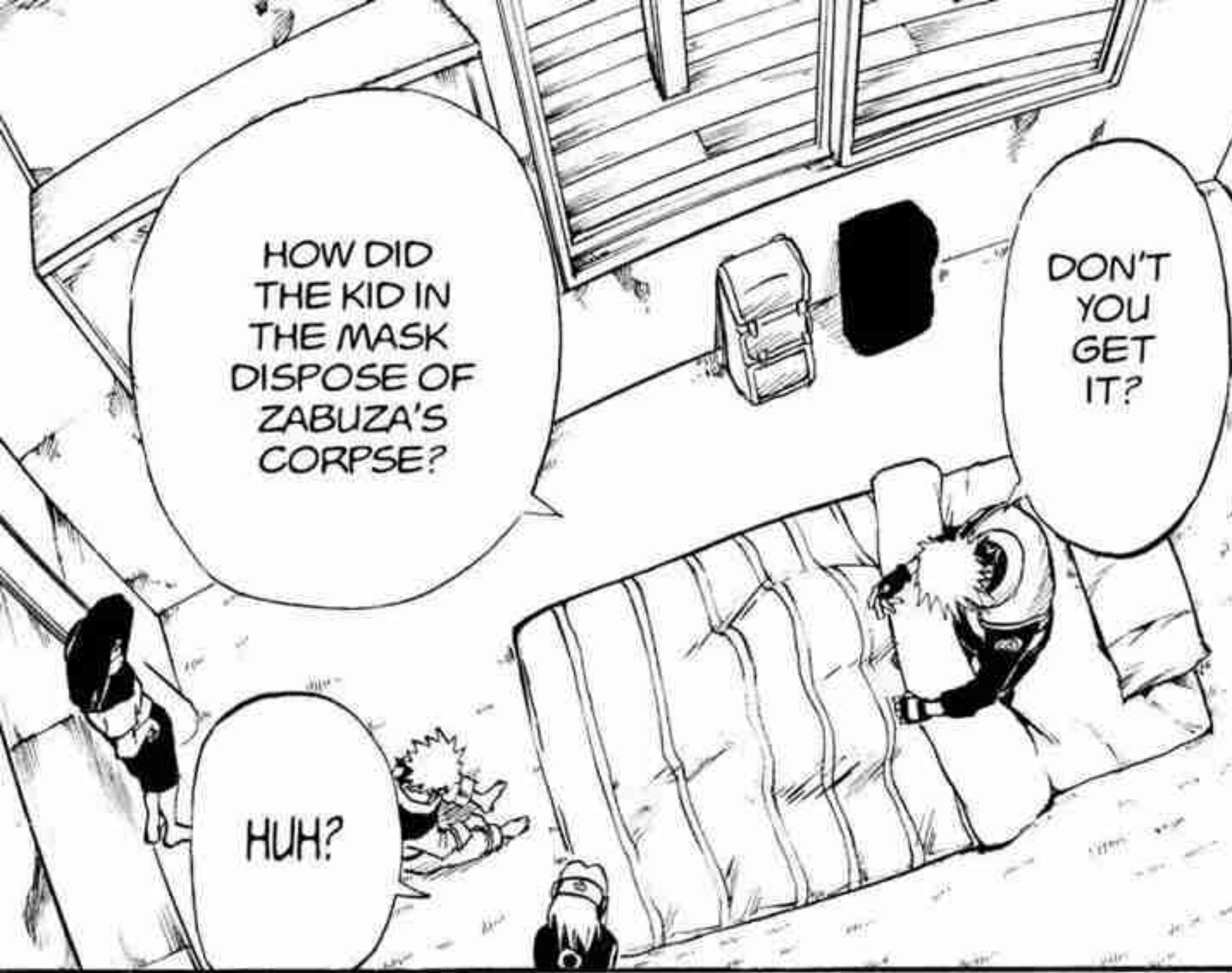


 Number 17:

Preparations for Battle











BUT,
MASTER
KAKASHI—
YOU CHECKED
TO BE SURE
ZABUZA
WAS DEAD,
DIDN'T YOU?!!



WHAT—
THE—
HECK
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

... A DEATHLIKE
TRANCE
COULD HAVE
CREATED
A VERY
CONVINCING
ILLUSION
OF THE
REAL THING...



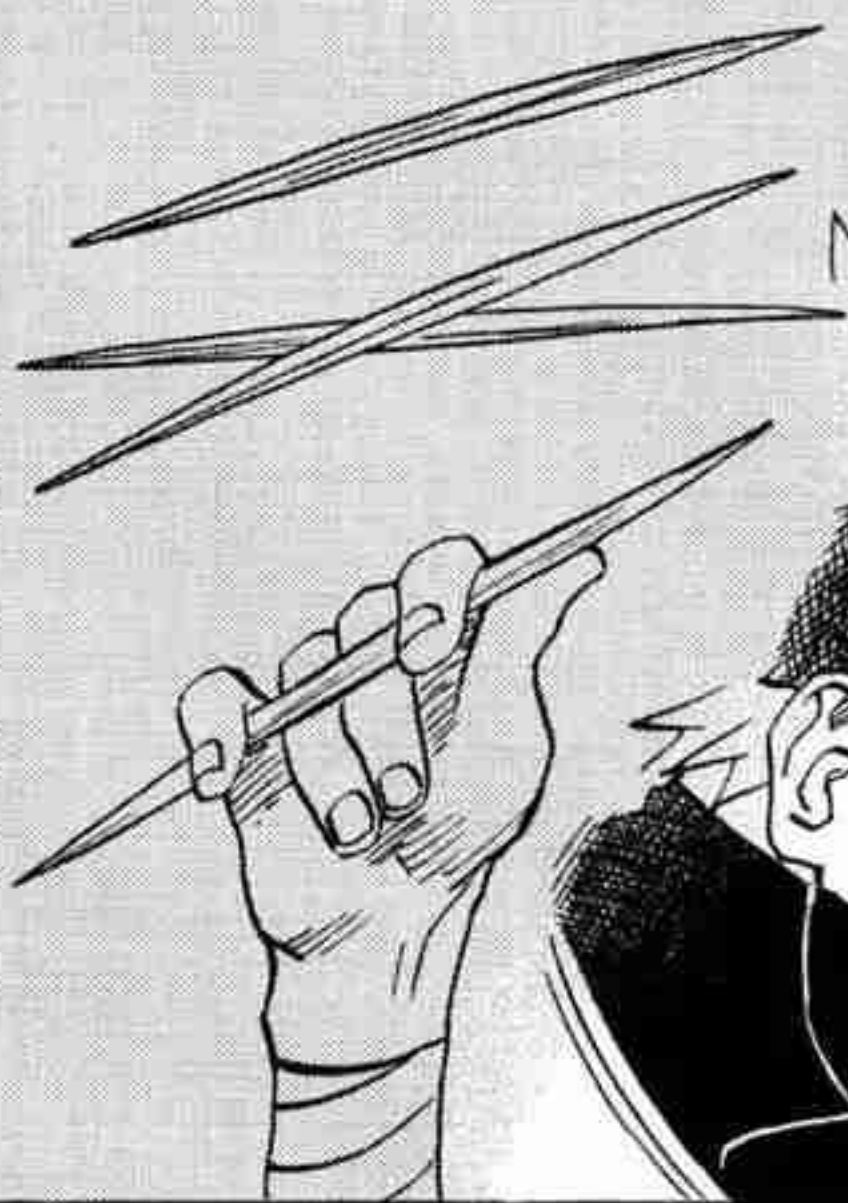
I
MADE
SURE
OF
IT...

BUT...



...IF THEY HIT
A VITAL SPOT.
IF NOT,
THE MORTALITY
RATE IS
SURPRISINGLY
LOW...

AND
REMEMBER,
THEY WERE
ORIGINALLY
DESIGNED
AS MEDICAL
TREATMENT
TOOLS.



THOSE
ACUPUNCTURE
NEEDLE
WEAPONS
THAT SHINOBI
HUNTER USED
CAN BE
DEADLY...

SECONDLY,
THE
ACUPUNCTURE
NEEDLES
HE USED AS
WEAPONS, WHILE
POTENTIALLY
DEADLY,
CAN ALSO BE
USED TO INFLICT
NON-MORTAL
INJURY...

THESE
TWO POINTS
SUGGEST
THAT THE KID'S
OBJECTIVE
WAS TO GIVE
THE ILLUSION
OF KILLING
ZABUZA...

FIRST OF ALL,
THE MASKED BOY
WENT TO THE
TROUBLE OF
LUGGING OFF
ZABUZA'S HEAVY
CARCASS...



IT WOULD
BE SIMPLE
FOR ONE
OF THEM
TO PLACE
A PERSON
INTO A
NEAR-DEATH
STATE.

SHINOBI
HUNTERS AND
ALL MEMBERS
OF ANY VILLAGE'S
CORPSE DISPOSAL
SQUAD MUST POSSESS
AN INTIMATE AND
THOROUGH
KNOWLEDGE
OF HUMAN
PHYSIOLOGY.



SHINOBI
HUNTERS
ARE
SUPPOSED
TO HUNT
OUTLAW
SHINOBI,
RIGHT?

AREN'T
YOU JUST
COMPLICATING
THINGS BY
OVER-THINKING
THEM?



THINGS
MAY BE JUST
THE WAY THEY
SEEMED...
BUT WE HAVE
TO CONSIDER
THE OTHER
POSSIBILITY.

...WHILE
HE
RESCUED
HIM.





...NARUTO...?
WELL, HE
SEEMS A
LOT MORE
GROWN-UP
THAN HE
USED TO,
BUT...



EVEN IF
ZABUZA IS ALIVE,
HOW CAN WE
JUST TRAIN
WITHOUT
KNOWING
WHEN HE MAY
RETURN AND
STRIKE AGAIN?

BUT,
MASTER!!



...THE SKILLS I
TEACH YOU NOW
WILL BE AN
INTERIM
THING ONLY,
TO TIDE US
OVER UNTIL I
RECOVER
ENOUGH TO
TAKE OVER...

BUT
THAT
BEING
SAID...



COULD
BE
FUN!

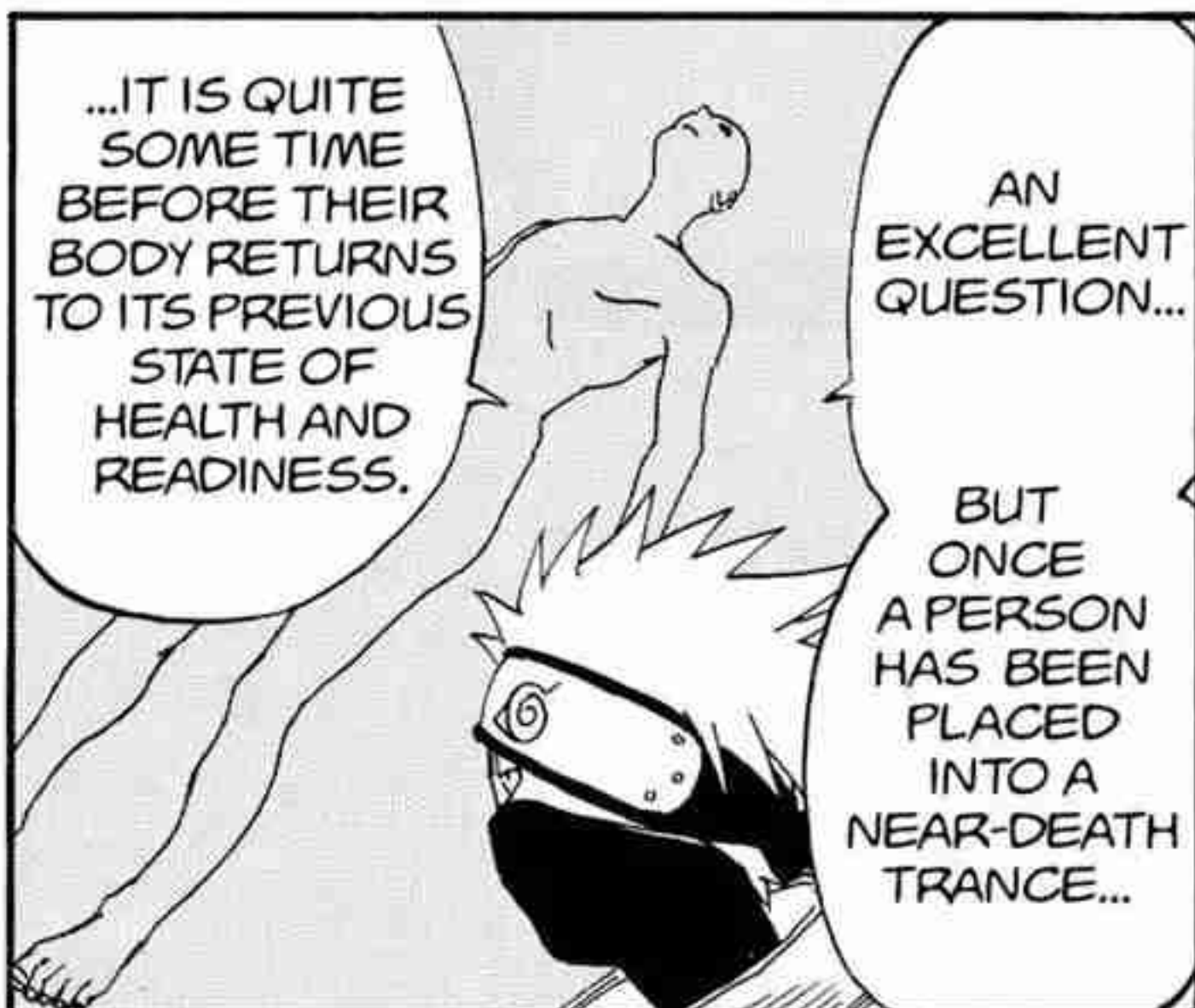
SO
WE'LL
TRAIN
WHILE
WE'RE
WAITING!



...IT IS QUITE
SOME TIME
BEFORE THEIR
BODY RETURNS
TO ITS PREVIOUS
STATE OF
HEALTH AND
READINESS.

AN
EXCELLENT
QUESTION...

BUT
ONCE
A PERSON
HAS BEEN
PLACED
INTO A
NEAR-DEATH
TRANCE...





LISTEN,
YOU
LITTLE
TWERP--!!!

!!

BUT,
MAMA,
THEY'RE
ALL
GONNA
DIE.

PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
NARUTO,
HE'S JUST
A LITTLE
BOY.

YOU
BRAT--!!

...

...

NO
ONE
CAN
BEAT
GATÔ
AND
HIS
MEN.

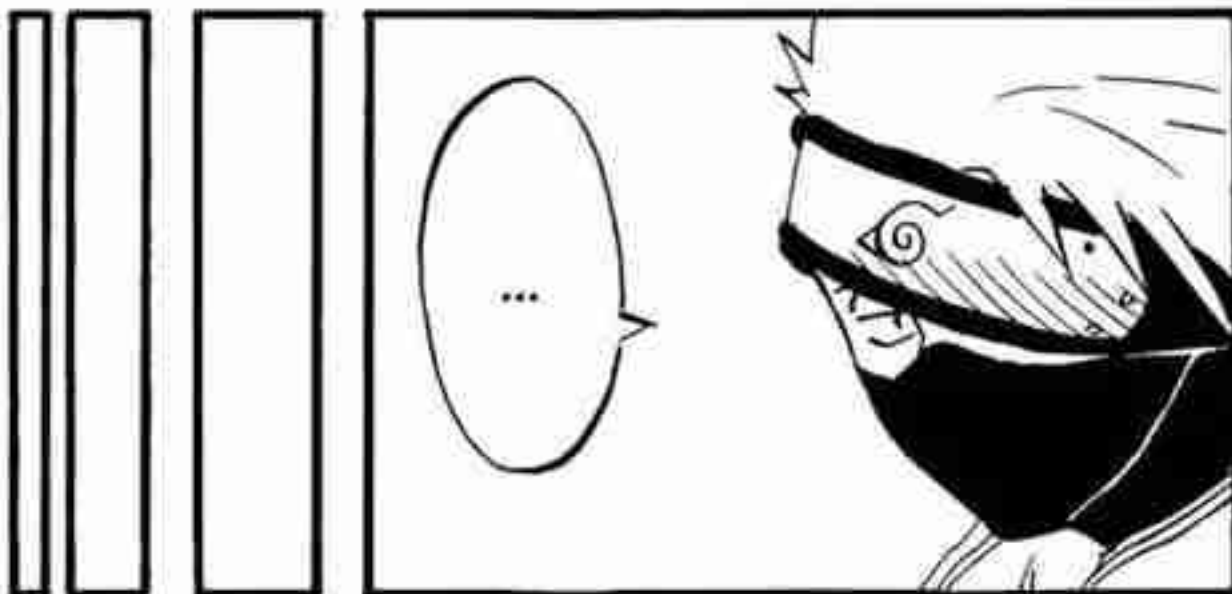
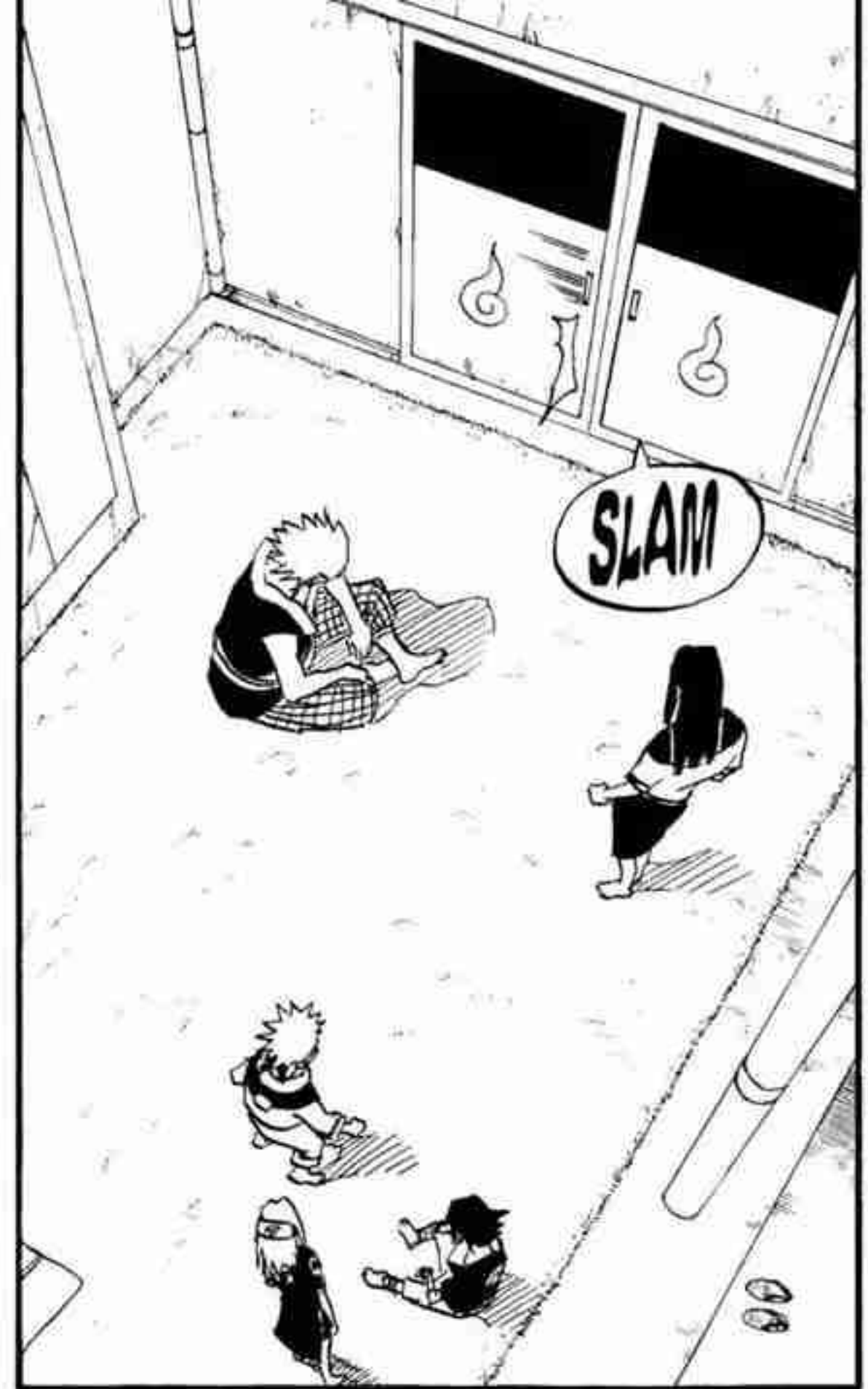
GATÔ?
"GATEAU"?
THIS GUY'S
NAMED
"CHOCOLATE"!
YOU CAN'T
SERIOUSLY
EXPECT
ME TO
BE AFRAID
OF THAT!

I'M A
SUPERHERO
WHO'LL SOME-
DAY BECOME
THE MOST
EXTREME
NINJA. MY
NAME WILL
BE HOKAGE,
THE FIRE
SHADOW!

RIGHT.
HEY,
PAY
ATTENTION,
LITTLE
GUY.

~HMM~











TOGETHER, THOSE TWO FORMS OF ENERGY ARE WHAT MAKE UP THE CHAKRAS.



(2) THOSE OF THE MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY ACQUIRED OVER THE COURSE OF MUCH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE...



(1) THOSE OF THE BODY, DRAWN FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE APPROXIMATELY 13 TRILLION CELLS THAT ARE BELIEVED TO MAKE UP THE HUMAN BODY...

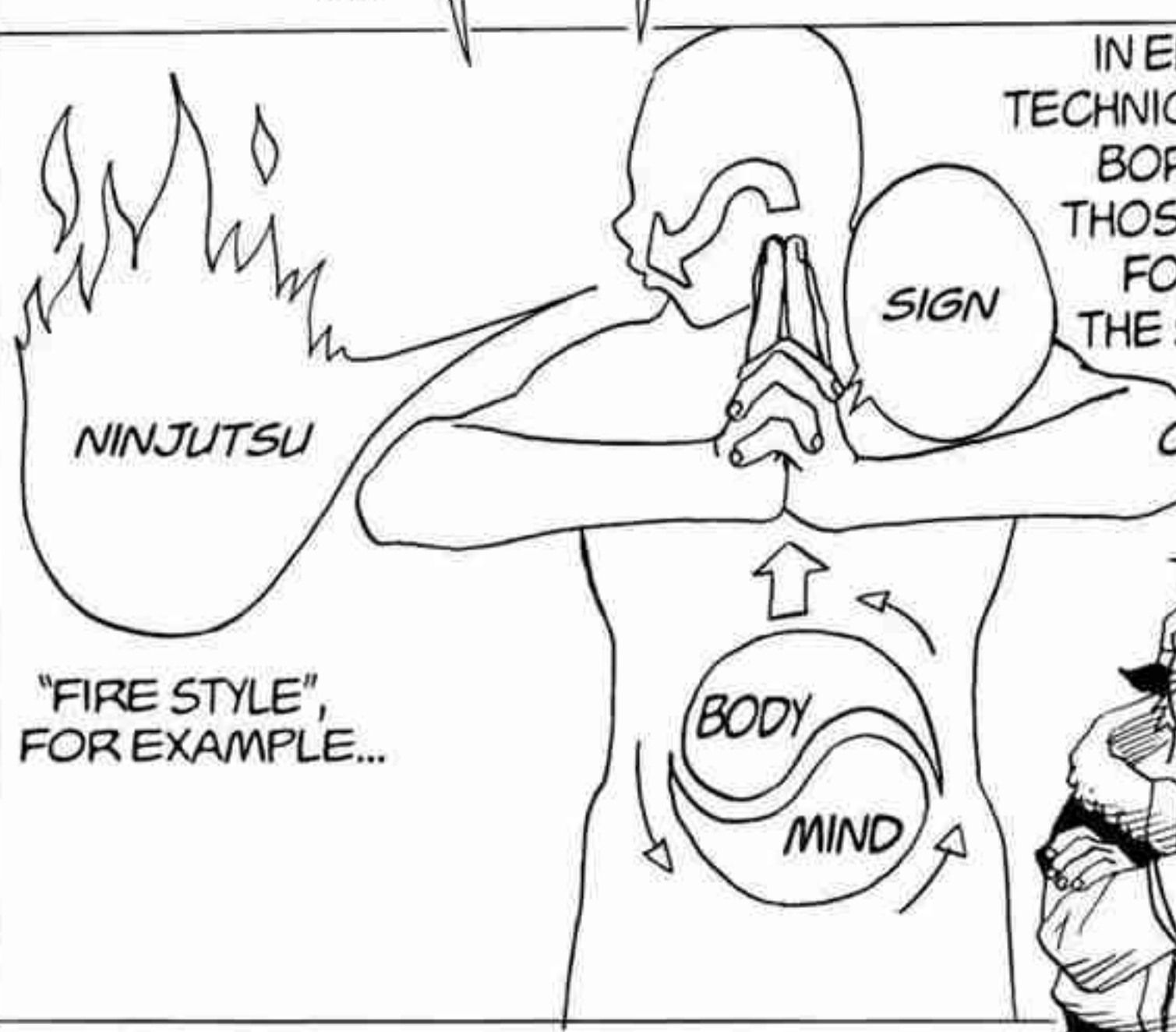


CHAKRAS ARE, TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THE ENERGIES THAT A SHINOBI REQUIRES IN ORDER TO PERFORM NINJUTSU. BASICALLY, THESE ENERGIES ARE:

~THE LOVELY NINJA MAIDEN SAKURA EXPLAINS IT ALL FOR YOU~

THE STORY OF CHAKRAS!!

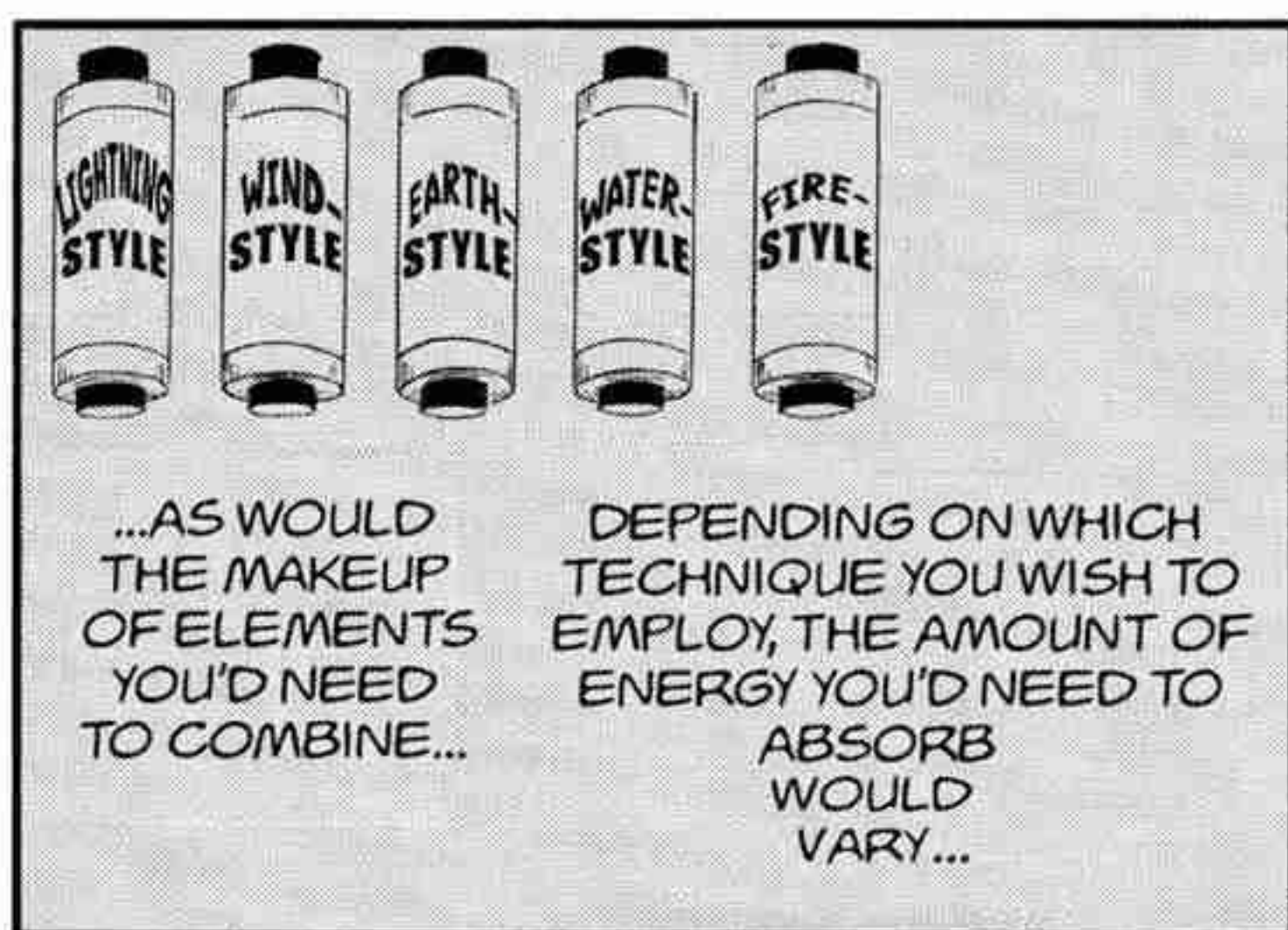
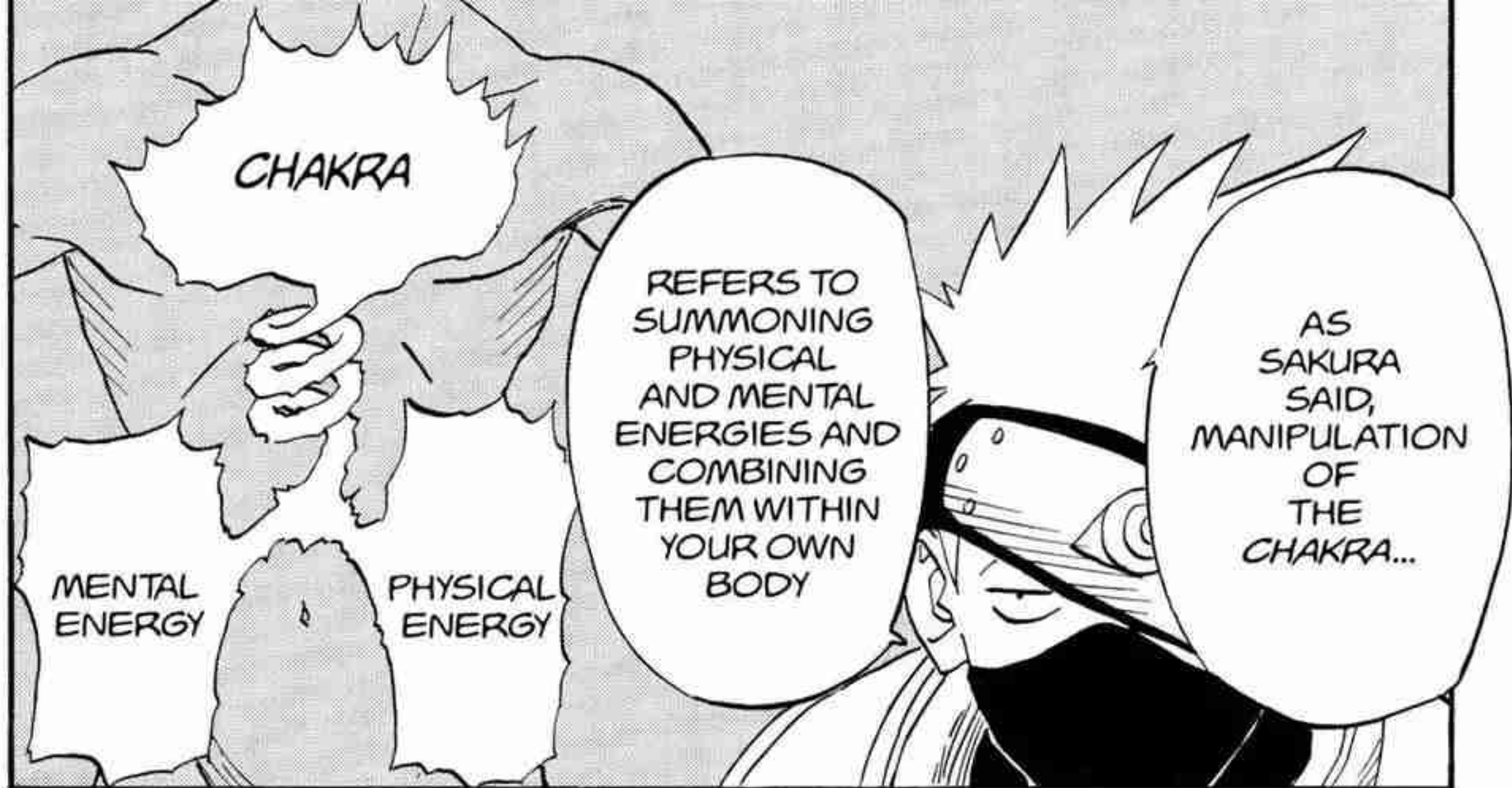
• READ AND REPEAT UNTIL YOU FIND IT STARTS TO MAKE SENSE...



IN EFFECT, ALL THE ARTS AND TECHNIQUES OF THE SHINOBI ARE BORN OF A COMBINATION OF THOSE 2 ENERGIES, BROUGHT FORTH FROM THE BODY AND THE SPIRIT- IN WHAT IS CALLED "MANIPULATING THE CHAKRAS"-AND FOCUSED IN THE MYSTIC PROCESS KNOWN AS "WEAVING THE SIGNS."

"LOVELY NINJA MAIDEN...?!"







TO BE CONTINUED IN NARUTO VOL. 3!